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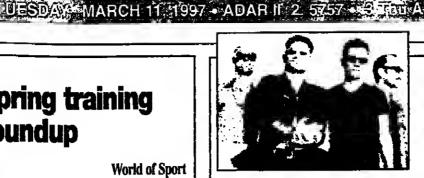
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IDF soldiers beat a Palestinian demonstrator with a club yesterday during clashes in Hebron, in which 11 Palestinians were lightly injured. The soldiers used force against Palestinians who tried to stop bulldozers clearing the way for a new road from Kiryat Arba to the Israeli-controlled part of Hebron. About 100 Palestinians scuffled with some 150 soldiers, following Israel's decision to hand over another 9 percent of the West Bank, far less than demanded by the Palestinians. At least five Palestinians were detained, witnesses said. Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat said the peace talks were in a 'real crisis.' The IDF last night declared the area a closed military zone. Palestinians said the scuffles erupted when an Israeli bulldozer began ploughing through vineyards and almond and olive groves.

Clinton: Har Homa veto isn't approval

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - US President Bill Clinton criticized the Har Homa construction plan again yesterday, and said the US's veto of the UN Security Council resolution against Israel's move "should not be interpreted as an approval of the decision that was made by the Israeli government."

Clinton acknowledged that he remains "very concerned" about how the veto is playing in the Arab world but emphasized that a fair look at the administration's record will prove that he has "worked very hard ... to he fair to the Palestinians and fair to all parties in the Middle

"When [the parties] attempt to preclude the process of negotiations or preempt it or are insensitive to the needs and feelings of [others] in the negotiating process, more destructive things happen, and it becomes more difficult to make peace." Clinton said, during a news conference with Egyptian President Hosni

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Agudat Yisrael deputy minister

Moshe Feldman in the late 1980s.

Who knows, it may go down as the Great Shabbes Goy Rebellion. Assad Assad, the prime minister's adviser on Druse and Circassian affairs, called yesterday for the disbandment of a unit in the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry that hands out summonses to businesses operating illegally on Shabbat.

"This group is giving all Druse a bad name," said Assad, a former Likud MK. "I have received dozens of phone calls from people asking me wby the Druse are.

mvolved in this." Since Shas took control of the ministry, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai has breathed new life into this unit. Jews cannot be hired to patrol the streets on Shabbat looking for businesses violating the Sabbath, so the ministry employs Druse.

The result, said Assad, is that summonses for Shabbat violations have become linked in the public's mind with Druse supervisors - not exactly a sought-after

association. A non-Jew who does work proscribed for Jews on Shabbat has, throughout the ages, been known



"Do you like the policeman who gives you a ticket?" he said. but was dormant under Ora Namir, the minister under the previous government. "So what are we going to do, tell the policemen not to work?" The Druse community needs to be in the consensus," Assad said. "We need to have good relations with both the religious and the secular. It is not right that because of four or five Druse in the unit, we get a bad name. We don't want to be the hated mid-Assad said he has no opposition to a Druse serving as a Shabbes goy in other circumstances - if someone needs to be driven to the

law is resented.

the trackers for their work, Rosen

said that anyone who enforces the

hospital on Shabbat, for example.
"But that is different," Assad said. "In those cases there are no arguments or disagreements." Assad said he asked the Druse supervisor of the ministry unit to disband it, but said he was told by the supervisor that he is just doing what he is told. Assad dismissed claims by ministry officials that the unit is actually good for the Druse, because it provides employment. There are other ways to provide employment, Assad said. But ministry spokesman Zvi Rosen dismissed Assad's complaints. "Just as Beduin serve as trackers in the army because they are better qualified for the work, so Druse are able to do things on Shabbat that Jews can't," Rosen said.

in brief

Army suspends spokesman for territories

The army bas temporarily suspended the spokesman for the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories on suspicion he leaked classified information.

The army said military police also had opened an investiga-tion against spokesman Shlomo Dror. He is suspected of leaking the classified information over a long period of time, the IDF

"Because of the gravity of the suspicions he was temporarily

suspended," an army statement said.
Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak informed Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai of the incident. Arieh O'Sullivan

PA frees top Hamas leader

Palestinian police freed a top Hamas leader yesterday in an apparent goodwill gesture, Hamas sources said. They said lbrahim Maqadmeh, who led a secret network within Hamas dedicated to attacks against Israel and weakening the PA, was freed on orders from Yasser Arafat.

Palestinian security officials declined to comment on the

Palestinians said Maqadmeh operated the "Secret Apparatus" network controlled by Hamas leaders abroad before be was arrested last year during a sweep against Hamas in the wake of suicide bombings io Israel in February and March.

Reute

Arabs ask for UN debate on settlements

Arab eovoys moved yesterday to raily international support against Israel's settlement policy after Washington vetoed a
Security Council resolution criticizing Israel's plans to build
Jewish housing on Har Homa, in southern Jerusalem.
The chairman of the Arab group of UN ambassadors, Nasser

hin Hamad al-Khalifa, wrote to the General Assembly president, Razali Ismail of Malaysia, seeking a meeting on the issue.

An aide to Razali said the General Assembly had scheduled the meeting for tomorrow. The United States has no veto in the General Assembly.

Young bicyclist killed

Beni Mentaka, 13, was hit by a bus and killed yesterday afternoon while he was crossing a road near Rishon Lezion on his bicycle. He was brought to Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tzrifin, where he was declared dead. Police are investigating the cause of the aceident.

Man dies in train accident

A Petah Tikva man was hit and killed hy a passenger train near Kfar Syrkin yesterday afternoon. Police said it appears that the 47-year-old man committed suicide. Despite a warning siren, he apparently forced his way through a barricade onto the tracks before the oncoming train, which did not manage to stop

Beersheba girt Miss Israel

Mirit Greenberg, 18, of Beersheba, beat out 19 other contestants last night to be named this year's Miss Israel. First runnerup was Dikla Hamdi, 18, also of

The contest was held at the Cinerama in Jerusalem Post Staff Mirit Greenberg



Winning cards

In yesterday's Chance drawing, the winning cards were the nine of spades, king of hearts, ace of diamonds and queen of

CLINTON **Continued from Page 1**

the final-status issues for the final-

status negotiations," he said.

The Har Homa controversy was the focus of the more than three hours of Clinton-Mubarak talks. Mubarak joined Clinton in opposing the Israeli decision, calling such actions "flagrant violations" of Israeli-Palestinian accords. In his opening statement at the

news conference that followed their luncheon meeting, Mubarak spoke on behalf of Syrian President Hafez Assad, calling Damascus's demand for the suspended peace talks to resume where they left off not without justification."

Clinton said there exists "at least a potential" for those talks to resume, and added that he and Mubarak would seek to encourage that.

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MKs pay visit to Orient House

By URIEL HEILMAN

A Knesset Interior Committee delegation visited Orient House yesterday to assess Palestinian Authority activity in eastern Jerusalem.

"We wanted to see which offices have been closed and what are the reasons for their closure," said committee chairman Sallah Tarif (Labor), who organized the factfinding mission.

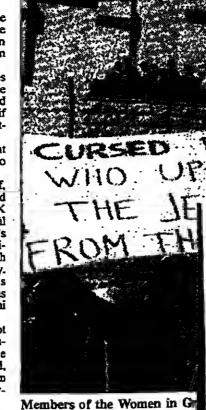
They were met outside Orient House by Israeli protesters, who

chanted slogans at the MKs. The delegation, including Tarif, Labor MK Micha Goldman and Democratic Arab Party MK Tawfik Khatib, met with Faisal Husseini, who holds the PA's Jerusalem portfolio. "These institutions have no connection with the Palestinian Authority. Binyamin Netanyahu simply is doing things that are bringing us closer to an explosion," Husseini

"We will oot be able to accept such decisions of closing institutions that are serving the Palestinians here," he added, warning that "the Palestinian people are not able to wait any-

Moledet MK Benny Elon, who met the delegation at the entrance to Orient House, said be would not enter until the Palestinian flag hanging over the door was

"These institutions are illegal," for coming to a Palestinian institu-



Members of the Women in G Jerusalem yesterday.

tion whose existence "is a crime against the Oslo agreement. They are cooperating with the enemy."
After the Orient House meeting,

the delegation toured one of the he said, chastising his fellow MKs Palestinian offices that is slated

ANALYSIS

Peace talks cris

By JON IMMANUEL

The crisis which is now besetting the peace talks has several origins and several purposes. It started with the government's decision to build on Har Homa. It continued with the US decision to veto a UN Security Council resolution condemning the decision. It worsened with the government's decision to close four Palestinian offices in Jerusalem and then redeploy from only 2% of Area C. The Palestinian Authority considers redeployment from Area C the only genuine redeployment, since Area B is largely in its hands already.

The purpose is to draw in the US as a more active partner in the peace process. The European Union and the UN would willingly follow.

Unlike the erisis which crupted after the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel exit, this one has started from the top. It has oot touched ordinary people in the same visceral way. It has not been violent, but it is clear it could become considered a 10% rede

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It is a crisis over the Oslo Accords, rather th lation.

The government can i of the three actions it accords are being inter possible way, accordi rather than the spirit of

When the Oslo Accord Labor Party officials sketchy. The intention would fill in the gaps.

There is no doubt if tional support for t ing on Har Homa Chairman Yasser Arafa he can to bring his inte The US suggested

BACKGROUND

US backs Israel's right to designate extent of pullbacks

By DAYED MAKOVSKY

Palestinians are calling the government's 9.1 percent pullback too small and complaining that it occurred without prior negotiations. However, the govemment's right to act on its own in this case is in accordance with the letter of the US interpretation of Oslo.

1993 Oslo Both the Declaration of Principles and the 1995 Oslo II agreement say that during the ioterim period Israel will pullback its troops in the West Bank to settlements, borders and "specified military locations." Oslo II set forth three phases of pullbacks and, according to the recently signed Hebron accord, those pullbacks are to be concluded in mid-

Oslo negotiator and then Foreign Ministry legal adviser Joel Singer believed it always was clear that Israel was the one which "specified" what its military locations were. Otherwise the documents would bave read "agreed" military locations.

The Palestinians contested

However, so as to avoid doubt and in an apparent trade-off for Hebron concessions, Prime Minister Bioyamio Netanyahu extracted a letter from then-secretary of state Warren Christopher designed to end the ambiguity about this section. While such a designation was implied by Oslo, it was never stated explicitly nor - until

January – did this interpretation have a US endorsement.
Christopher wrote, "I bave advised Chairman Arafat of US views on Israel's process of redeploying its forces, designating specified military locations and transferring additional powers and responsibilities to the

US ambassador Martin Indyk was even more blunt. In an interview on Israel Radio after the Hehron accord, Indyk declared, "It's clear in the agreement that Israel designates the specified military locations: So the amount of territory that is handed over is Israel's decision."

Palestinian Authority."

Hence, Israel feels it need not accept Palestinian insistence that it yield up to 90% of the West Bank by mid-1998.

Incidentally, there seems to be no basis to the Palestinian claim that at each pullback Israel should yield equal thirds of all territory to be yielded by the end of third pullback.

Despite the US recognition that Israel can designate what it coosiders a military location, Netanyahu aides acknowledge this cannot be construed as an blank check.

In his meeting with Netanyahu last month, US Presideot Bill Clinton said the pullback must be "credible" and his aides subsequently called upon Israel to yield 10%. In other words, while Israel must not necessarily accept Palestinian expectations of the land to be yielded, it must reflect a standard of plausibility in any definition of what Israel needs for security purposes dur-

ing the interim period. Several ministers are guided by an IDF map, which says that Israel has interests in 52% of the West Bank ranging from security to water concerns.

The irony is that while the Christopher letter makes clear that Israel can designate the territories eeded and not the Palestinians, in practice, it is clear from last week's action that the US will be the arbiter of whether Israel has met the test of reasonableness.

claumed responsibility for the attack, according to IDF sources.

According to the sources, the troops spotted the vehicle, which was parked not far from a house on the outskirts of Tel al-Kaba village, just south of Markabeh in the zone's estern sector.

The precautions taken by the soldiers prompted the perpetrators to detonate the device prematurely, while the troops were still over 200 Nevertheless, shrappel and appar-

ently metal ball bearings fitted into the device to make it more deadly, were scattered over a wide area and an IDF soldier was hit. Senior sources in Northern

Command stressed that Hizbuliah's abortive attempt, which had apparently been intended as a spectacular bomb attack, had occurred in a populated area in broad daylight on a busy main route used by local residents and had clearly endangered their lives. The road on which the attack

occurred is virtually opposite Moshav Margaliyot, about three kilometers west of Kiryat Shmona. The sources revealed that the white Mercedes car used for the

attack had been stolen earlier from a

resident of another part of the zone. Purthermore, it transpired that the perpetrators had taken over a nearby house and observed the IDF and SLA troops, biding their time to det-onate the huge car bomb.

Kamel Hajajerah, from the Beduin village Beir Zarzir in lower Galilee. was working with a tractor near the border fence shortly before the explosion around 2 p.m.

"I saw somebody running towards the wadi below and then I lost sight

gunners returned fire. The wounded soldier was evacuat-

ed by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. Deputy hospital director Dr. Zvi Ben-Ishai said the soldier was suffering from wounds to his shoulder and chest.

The IDF infantry troops had been on patrol in the area when they spotted the suspicious car, which was also seen by SLA troops on opera-tional duties in the same area at the

In a separate incident yesterday apparently another failed Hizbullah operation - two Lebanese policemen were injured in a roadside bomb blast west of Jezzine township. The bomb had apparently been intended

for SLA troops.

Meanwhile, Hizbullah announced on its Manar television station that the attack on a Merkava tank near the IDF's Rehan position in the zone's eastern sector on Sunday was carried out by the organization's "tank sniper unit." A member of the tank crew was very lightly wounded in the incident.

It is the first time that Hizbullah's fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance, has announced the existence of a unit equipped and apparently specially trained in the use of anti-tank missiles.

because it had been confused with the Office for Small Projects. The Committee for the Wounded, which is slated to be closed, had no notice on its door because it could not be located.

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Boulos argued that police claims that these four institutions were either run or financed by the PA were incorrect.

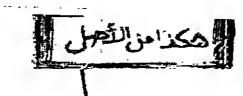
He produced receipts to show that the Welfare and Development Committee is financed by the Welfare Association in Geneva and the Islamic Bank in London to the tune of \$2 million a year. It is registered in Israel. However, the police also noted that Hassan Tahboub, currently Wakf minister in the PA, heads the office.

Boulos argued that Tahbonb headed the organization, formed in early 1993, before becoming a minister, and that while the fact that he is a minister has nothing to do with his running of the office, "he could be asked to resign" rather than close the office

He said it is not linked to the Islamic Committee that joined with the PA in an anti-settlements protest in Gaza on Sunday, Boulos said he knows nothing about the Office of National Institutions.



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PM, coalition members meet

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu met with coalition faction heads, MKs and ministers in the Knesset yesterday before leaving for Moscow. The meetings were the initiative of coalition faction chairman Michael Eitan, who said the coalition is on the verge of

The prime minister told the MKs that the western world and Palestinians "now understand there is a new government in Israel which will protect Israel's interests, but only here people don't understand it.

We have a good government and any change in it will not be in Israel's best interests," Netanyahu said, according to an official briefing.

Eitan attacked the members of the Land of Israel Front, who have boycotted plenum meetings over

Jerusalem and the redeployment, allowing opposition bills to pass in their absence. Eitan said some of the front's members have not even visited Judea and Samaria.

Netanyahu reported on his conversation with Foreign Minister David Levy after Palestinian Authority negotiator Abu Mazen resigned from leading the talks with Israel

"The Palestinians have understood that we will build in Jerusalem," Netanyahu said, citing the resignation as proof thatthe Palestinians realize the difference of having a nationalist govemment in power. It was decided to bold meetings

among the coalition once a fortnight to give the MKs a greater feeling of participation. Most of the ministers and MKs.

at the meeting expressed support

Yahalom: NRP must

leave coalition

Coalition Crisis

for the government, saying there was no better alternative. They also mostly rejected mooted changes to the Basic Law: The Government, popularly known as the Direct Election Law. Any change in the Direct Election Law should only come into effect in the next Knesset, according to most of the speakers.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer (NRP), Deputy Housing, Minister Meir Porush (United Torah Judaism) and Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai (Shas) and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky (Yisrael Ba'aliya) all expressed support for

stressed the importance of the Conversion Law, saying it could cause a new ecalition erisis on religious lines.

The Land of Israel Front, led by MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher), also met yesterday to formulate its next steps and try to create a unified stand on possible changes to the direct election law. Under the current system, a 61 MK majority in a motion of no-confidence in the prime minister means the govemment falls and new elections must be held for both the premier-

ship and the Knesset. Kleiner said after the meeting that front members intend to continue holding fact-finding tours during plenum hours. This Wednesday they are expected in visit Gush Etzion and Hebron. The front and

the government and premier. However, Porush and Yishai also emment's polices are planning a emment's polices are planning a large demonstration next week. At their meeting, the front

members criticized, among others, the Third Way. The Third Way's insistence on maintaining Israeli control of the entire Jurdan Valley and Judean Desert meant that the prime minister was forced to give up other vital areas of Judea and Samaria in an effort to please the US, front members charged.

Third Way faction chairman Yehuda Harel returned the attack, calling the front "pathetic."

There are those in the coalinon who are trying to torpedo the Oslo agreements and see the solution as war," he said.

Harel added that hawkish opposition in the Madrid peace conference brought down the last Likud

Uriel Lynn

Lynn: Without

Direct Election

Law there would

be anarchy

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

excellent law, without which complete anarchy would reign,

even worse than the situation on

the eve of the 'stinking maneu-

ver," Lynn said, referring to

Lahor's failed attempt in the

spring of 1990 to form an alterna-

tive to the national unity govern-

He noted the law achieved its

goal and "today the extortion

power of the smaller coalinon

partners is much smaller than in

the past. Since we have a coali-

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on parties, we couldn't do away

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Agudat Yisrael in April 1990, the

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Shas's crazy ballet, when it

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He called the right-wing MKs

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March 1992.

wing have? Granted, the law does hurt the parties, hut the issue is which political movement is running the state."

"I'm sure it would be disquali-fied by the High Court of Justice. The Knesset did not elect the prime minister, the people did, and the MKs can't topple the prime minister by means of tricks, taking advantage of political conjectures and adventurism. A situation in which 61 MKs can, in certain circumstances, topple the government, is exactly what the Direct Election Law meant to prevent. If the issue is so crucial, they must act responsibly and be willing to dissolve the Knesset and go to general elections, Lynn said.

weakens the knesset and gives the prime minister too much power. Lynn said the law does have checks and balances. He noted the Knesset has considerable power in legislation and the implementation of international agreements, the authority to enact emergency amendments, to make the prime minister appear in the plenum and to fire an individual

He added that by passing various basic laws, including the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom and the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation, which he also promoted, "we in fact have a constitution. The High Court of Justice gives such a broad interpretation to the human rights [laws] that the political

Peres denies plans for unity gov't Stability of government. It's an

By LIAT COLLINS

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Knesset Law Committee Chairman Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) is demanding the NRP leave the coalition and present an alternative candidate as prime minister.

He did not suggest a candidate.

At the NRP's faction meeting yesterday, he said that if the NRP did not take such measures, a party would be created to the right of it, like Tehiya grew up to the right of the Likud over the Camp David Agreements.

The discussion is scheduled to continue today.

Party leader and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer objected to Yahalom's suggestion and stressed that there is no better government, although he is demanding a "serious discussion with the prime minister on the two remaining further redeployments."

Hammer called for an end to the threats on Binyamin Netanyahu's

'Anyone who proposes toppling

instead one which will act completely against our interests."

Yahalom complained that the NRP does not have "even minimal influence because the prime minister is locked on one concept." He noted that Netanyahu has not called coalinon and Likud faction chairman Michael Eitan to order despite his talks with Labor MK Yossi Beilin on the permanent arrangements.

MK Zvi Hendel criticized the premier for accepting the scope of the first redeployment.

"If that was 'minimal' withdrawal, what will be after the third one?" Hendel asked.

Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi said he "has complaints from here to eternity about Netanyahu," but called for restraint. Gadi Eshel, the leader of a

group of secular NRP supporters, also called on the party to immediately leave the coalition.

"Netanyahu is a scoundrel of world order. In the end he will agree to a Palestinian state," he



Peres of heading toward a national unity government. Nobody has proposed a national unity government with Labor. And Labor hasn't suggested it. There is no such proposal," said

What's happening right now is that the peace process is in a serious and unprecedented crisis. Our work is going down the drain. And we're busy [fighting] one another. Each one is sticking a spoke in the other's wheels, like little children, hickering and squabbling," said,

When Merom accused Peres of aiming for a national unity government, Peres could barely control his anger and fumed: "I was chosen by 1.5 million people, more than you, and I don't need your permission to speak. Who put you up on high? [a play on the meaning of Merom's name.]
You're just a party member like any other. You describe us as: bankrupt, armiess and legless, all



Shimon Peres

Peres stressed that the Labor Party's main goal now is to topple the government at the first opportunity. He added, however, that if a proposal for a national unity government were raised it would be discussed.

Peres said he supported the attempts by faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen and Moshe Shahal to amend the direct election law, so a successful no-confidence motion would entail only elections for the premier and not for the Knesset; as required by the current system.

Yossi Beilin, a candidate for the

ported the proposed changes. But others - including Micha Goldman, Elie Goldschmidt, Avraham Shohat and Uzi Baram vehemently objected to the changes. Goldschmidt said the faction did not have the right to act to amend the law as it was supported by the Labor Party as a whole and any change should be approved by the party.

Coben met with NRP MKs in

the morning to discuss the possihle amendment of the direct elec-

He also met with Likud MK David Re'em, who has been particularly critical of the prime minister lately, to persuade him to support the change

Amnon Ruhinstein (Meretz), on the other hand, denounced the efforts to change the direct election law, saying it would make it empty and meaningless. He said it should not be possible to replace the prime minister without dissolving the Knesset.

He criticized the Labor MKs who are calling for the change, accusing them of joining up with the "anti-peace forces" to oust Netanyahu. "The system of govemment is not a car - you don't change it every year," Rubinstein

promised Arveh Den the post of . grave salidate viate in finance minister. Lyon added that many of the MKs criticizing the Direct Election Law today strongly supported it at the time, and in the Left there was bardly anyone who

acting to change the law "politiintifada in the autonomous cal suicides. They will rum the government, their movement will Kleiner says the use of such be wiped ont and they will hand maps "shows what the the government back to [Labor leader Shimon] Peres and Beilin.

Palestinians want. It is piece by

If it wasn't for the Direct Election Law, Israel would be experiencing such political anarchy today that the "stinking maneuver" of 1990 would pale by comparison, attorney Uriel Lynn. former chairman of the Knesset Law Committee, said yesterday.

Lynn, a former Likud MK, spearheaded the initiative for the change in the Basic Law: The Government and is largely responsible for its passage in The law was intended to achieve one central purpose:

Lynn said changing the law so

that the prime minister could be removed without dissolving the Knesset would be unconstitutional and a violation of the people's

Despite complaints that the law

system needs no further changes."

Land of Israel Front protests PA maps Kleiner and members of the Palestinian flag, at official map chosen by Palestinian green, white and black on sale in

By LIAT COLLINS

'Maps of "Palestine," including all of Israel and the territories, appear frequently in the Palestinian media and are a sign that the Palestinians will not be satisfied with just Judea, Samaria and Gaza, MK Miebael Kleiner (Gesher) said yesterday.

Knesset met yesterday with an Israeli group which monitors Palestinian communications -Palestinian Media Review - to hear a report and wateb video material in which maps including Israel appear prominently, usually in the colors of the

Palestinian Authority events. 'Among the images presented! an interview with relatives of a

by the group were the face of a! terrorist in an Israeli prison; the ehild superimposed on a map, itself superimposed on a picture! of Temple Mount; an embroi-, between Arafat and the Japanese dered map from an art show in ambassador last month; and key Gaza that was attended by; rings, badges and jewelry in the Yasser Arafat's wife, Suba; a shape of the map of Israel in red,

Television as the background for map, including Israel, used as background, for an interview

the Old City in Jerusalem. The Review's Iramar Marcus

also noted memorials to the

piece not peace after peace."

AT THE KNESSET

Ravitz receives death threat

What alternative does the right-

By LIAT COLLINS

Knesset Finance Committee Chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Thrah Judaism) has received a death threat in the mail. The letter includes a drawing of a distorted swastika and is signed: "The Israeli Nazi Movement."

"We will soon murder you and hang you. The Israeli Nazi Movement was founded to solve the haredi problem. The final goal: to destroy the primitive and extremist haredi public. Be warned because you are now in our target sights. We will kill you – we will skin you and hurn you," the typed letter said.

The letter ended: "Long live Yigal Amir's way – the way of the revolver and market – it's what you wind

way of the revolver and murder - it's what you raised and what we will use against you." The letter was forwarded to the police for investigation.

Panel rejects bill barring Amir pardon

The ministerial committee on legislation has opposed a bill by MK Eitan Cabel (Labor) under which there would be no possibility of an eventual presidential pardon for Yitzhak Rahin's assassin, Yigal Amir. The committee did not explain its reasoning although it is believed to have based the objection on the fact that it would violate the principle of equality and make a prime minister more favored in the eyes of

Cabel said the rejection showed that the government did not rule out a pardon for Amir in the future.

Law banning ATVs on bathing beaches passes The Knesset last night passed the second and final readings of a bill banning ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) from driving on bathing beaches. The bill was submitted by Dedi Zucker (Meretz). Punishment for violating the law is a NIS 60,000 fine or six months' imprisonment. It will be enforced by municipal inspectors.

There have been a number fatal accidents, including the deaths of two children, caused by wild driving of ATVs on beaches.

Barak wants easy Hebrew news broadcasts back MK Ehud Barak (Labor) has sent a letter of complaint to the director of Israel Radio, Amnon Nadav, over a decision to scrap the news broadcasts in easy

Hebrew on the immigrants' station, Reka. Barak said he understood the decision was made out of financial considerations and not with intent to harm the immigrants, but asked it be reconsidered. Barak said the easy Hebrew broadcast was an important means of teaching Hebrew and helping immigrants integrate "particularly in a country where the news has special significance.



Orit and Aviad Brever look out on Beit Umar from their settlement of Karmei Tzur.

Karmei Tzur to retain control of road

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Karmei Tzur, a settlement sandwiched between Beit Umar and Ralhoul, has won the first round in the battle against further IDF pullbacks from the West Bank.

When speculation began't few weeks ago about which areas in Judea and Samaria would be handed over to the Palestinian Ambority under the first of three additional withdrawals, residents of the 70-family settlement sprang into action. They set up a committee of six volunteers, who started campaigning against putting the road leading to their settlement and the surrounding land

under exclusive PA control. According to Karmei Tzur activist Esti Uliel, the settlement's members began lobbying Knesset members and officials in the Defense Ministry to prevent the change in

ullback Phase.

On Sunday, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai visited Karmei Tzur and assured the settlers that the 1.5 km. road leading to the settlement would remain in Area C, which is under exclusive Israeli "We haven't received anything in writing,"

Uliel said, "but we are relieved that we man-

Uliel stressed, however, that the settle-

ment's residents wouldn't let up until the

remaining 7 km. of the Halboul bypass road

aged to stave off the changes we feared."

camp, and join up to Highway 60. "It will enable us to be directly linked to Gush Etzion as well as Hebron and will prewerst our sectlement from turning into an enclave," she said. Almost daily, she said, the school buses accompanied by an IDF jeep to and from the

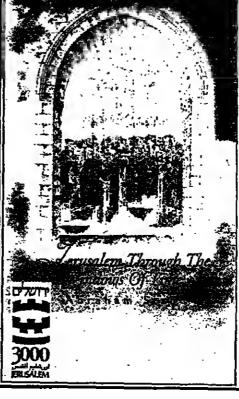
is built. The former government, she said,

agreed to the road, which is to bypass the

Beit Umar village and the El-Arub refugee

settlement - are stoned. Uliel charged that government offirals and IDF officers who consider the pullbacks tend to forget that settlements don't have to be surrounded by barbed wire and tanks.

They should listen to the women and mothers who understand how important it is for any settlement to develop and expand," she said. "They don't bave any foresight when it comes to planning."



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Kollek admitted to hospital

Former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek was in good condition yesterday at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, where he is being treated for pneumonia. His doctor said that the 85-year-old Kollek did not have anything seriously wrong with him, but because of his age he was put under supervision in the internal medicine department. If there are no complications, he is due to be discharged within a few days. Judy Siegel



Teddy Kollek (Debbi Cooper)

MDA urges caution to prevent Purim injuries

Purim is two weeks away, but an 11-year-old Nahariya boy has already been injured by fireworks, losing two fingers in an explosion.

Magen David Adom has warned parents and teachers to supervise children and ensure that they are very careful with explosives, sprays and inflammable costumes. MDA urges parents not to make or buy costumes with cotton wool, paper, plastic, Dacron or other flammable materials. If a child must wear a costume that can easily ignite, it should be easy to remove. MDA savs children should be warned beforeband about the risks of getting near fire, heat or sparks from cap guns.

If the costume is set aftre, lie the victim down, roll him in sand or earth or extinguish the fire with water or a wet blanket. The child's head must not be covered. Don't remove burnt clothing stuck to the skin or apply oily ointments; instead, cool the burns

UNESCO to protect Jewish cultural property

Synagogues, cemeteries, and other Jewish cultural sites worldwide as well as art works will be provided with legal protection aimed at preserving them, according to an agreement reached between UNESCO Secretary-General Federico Mayor and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday.

Yitzhak Meir, the minister's adviser on international affairs. briefed Mayor on the threats to synagogues, Jewish libraries, cemeteries, books and art works by dealers, contractors and others. Hammer pointed out that Islamic sites enjoy protection, and Mayor agreed to the request. Aryeh Dean Cohen

Ministry appoves new teaching initiative

A new educational project bringing together observant and nonobservant teachers to study Judaism and democracy has been approved by Education Minister Zevulun Hammer. The Yad Ehat program will include five meetings between the teachers and principals, to discuss such subjects as Judaism's Struggles with Challenges of the Modern World, and Tolerance and Pluralism as Possible Solutions for Polarization. Arveh Dean Cohen

Study: Sleep apnea can be inherited

Researchers at the Technion's sleep laboratory have discovered that sleep apnea syndrome, a potentially fatal condition that affects five to nine percent of the adult population, may be passed on genetically. In sleep apnea, breathing is halted for split seconds or longer during sleep. Many victims snore beavily and are sleepy during the day, and are thus at risk of injury or death if they work with petersfally decrease a resking to the day. if they work with potentially dangerous machinery or if they drive. Senior sleep researcher Prof. Peretz Lavie reported on the fiodings at an international conference on sleep medicine that opened yesterday in Zichron Ya'acov. Judy Siegel

JDC announces journalism award

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) yesterday announced the establishmeot of an annual journalism award in Israel-Diaspora relations in bonor of Boris Smolar, former editor-in-chief of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and a longtime friend of the JDC. The first prize will be awarded this Pessah for the best article, report, feature or news story oo the subject of Israel-Diaspora relations to have been published or broadcast in Israel during the previous year. The prize carries a cash award of \$2,500, which is funded by a bequest from Smolar made expressly for this purpose. Jerusalem Post Staff

93-year-old arrested for selling drugs

A 93-year-old Ashdod woman was arrested yesterday oo suspicion of drug trafficking, after she sold two undercover policemen drugs. The woman had recently decided to sell drugs from her home to supplement her pension from the National Insurance Institute. Within days, police were informed that the woman was selling drugs to anyone who knocked on her door, and sent the two detectives to investigate.

Police said the woman would probably be released and not charged due to her advanced age and ill health.

Haifa Chemicals strike ends

By DAVID RUDGE

One of the longest-running industrial disputes in the country's history came to an end last night with the signing of a new collecove labor agreement between management and workers of the Haifa Chemicals bayside complex and the Histadrut.

The signing ceremony, at the Histadrut's Haifa and district branch headquarters, will allow the reopening today of the plant, where production has been at a complete standstill since October.

It was made possible by a secret ballot vote at a mass meeting of workers outside the factory gates yesterday; 264 voted for the draft accord reached between Histadrut officials and management, 102 voted against and one abstained. However, dozens of the factory's 500 employees decided not to participate in the vote.

'l walked out because I didn't want to have to vote for something that may get me

Professor opens conference

Prof. Daniel Weinstein, of Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, opens the

first world conference on maternal mortality in Marrakesh yesterday. Doctors and medical

specialists from 75 countries are attending the week-long conference that aims to reduce the

number of women who die in childbirth each year from the current one million.

pay if the strike continued," one worker said

after the meeting.
Under the accord, 60 of the workers will take early retirement, 55 will be dismissed with preferential redundancy terms and 20 will switch to personal contracts.

The remaining workers will be expected to accept cuts in social and welfare benefits that will reduce their overall salaries by as much as 17 percent.

The workers committee had originally opposed the agreement, primarily because of a clause which would have enabled management to cancel the accord within six months in the event of disruptions due to renewed industrial unrest.

Management agreed to drop the clause and the amended agreement was put to the ballot with the support of the workers com-mittee and senior Histadrut officials, including Chairman MK Amir Peretz, who

fired or lose me money if I remained, or vote against it and risk not gening severance

addressed the meeting yesterday morning.

The Histadrut officials said the new threeyear collective labor agreement was the best deal that could be achieved under the cir-

Some of the workers shouted that it soll consultated a sell out which the Histadrut was forcing on them, but there was no overturning of tables and chairs as occurred at the meeting last Thursday when the workers

committee opposed the accord. Peretz stressed that the ballot on the agreement also was a vote of trust in the Histadrut, the Haifa branch and himself.

Management spokesman Eitan Loewenstein said after the vote that the agreement would allow Haifa Chemicals management, in cooperation with the workers, to implement efficiency measures and thereby enable the company to compete with changing conditions on the world market.

"It is a balanced agreement which considers the needs of the workers and their welfare while taking into account the economic targets which the company has set itself,"

Loewenstein said. We hope that this new collective agreement will mark a new chapter in cooperation between workers and management to promote

and maintain the success of the company. "Big efforts will now be required - jointly by management and employees - to ly by management and campioyees - to resume manufacturing and marketing of the firm's products in order to ensure Haifa Chemicals' part in the world market for potassium nitrate," he added.

Ironically, shortly after the results of the workers' ballot were announced, the workers committee of the Histadrut's Haifa and district branch declared a strike because the union's head office had oot sent enough money to pay the February salaries of the branch's 130 employees. However, the strike committee agreed to open the doors. of the Haifa branch offices for the Haifa Chemicals' signing ceremony.



Police, with the help of a Bezeq mobile detection unit, found two radio stations illegally broadcasting from a house in the Druse village of Usftya, police spokeswoman Shlomit Minkovsky said.

The stations were shut down, the owners questioned, and equipment

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Traffic Controllers Union, said the traffic controllers have to constantly change the frequencies they use, in an attempt to avoid such interference. "This is no way to run a con-

the Airports Authority, police obtained a search warrant Sunday night from Haifa Magistrate's

Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy pledged to crack down on pirate stations, but said that he would oot hesitate to shut down the airport to avoid a disaster.

Last year, pirate radio transmissions forced Ben-Gurion Airport to shut down briefly. The government promised then to crack down on such broadcasts.

Medical breakthrough. helps incontinent women

By JUDY SIEGEL

Remote-control devices open car doors and turn on the TV, lower abdomen to activate a magvideo and air conditioner. Now net that turns on the pump. When doctors in Haifa are using them to all the urine has emptied meet an entirely different need: helping women with atonic bladders to urinate.

"Doctors around the world, from the US to Japan, are after me to hear more about our invention, which we regard as a breakthrough in treating this condition," says Dr. Ofer Nativ, a urologist at Bnet Zion Hospital and head of a team of physicians and engineers that developed the device.

The invention is meant for women who were born without muscular control of their bladder, or who lost control due to neurological illnesses or traumatic

The device, called the intra-urethral sphincter and pump prosthesis, draws urine from the bladder using a small pump that can remain in the woman's body for a month or more. Periodically, the

woman holds a cigar-shaped remote-control device - which contains a battery - next to her device beeps.

"Without this device, women have to undergo the time-coosuming, annoying, embarrassing and limiting procedure of inserting a catheter into their urethra five or six times a day to drain the urine," says Nativ. "In mostcases, this is dooe by a specially. trained person, and sometimes by the patient herself. If any residual urioe remains in the bladder. infections or bleeding coold result. Other patients have a stoma leading out of the abdomen and a urine-collection bag that must be emptied several times a day.

. The battery is changed every few weeks, and the 2.5 cm. to 6 cm. silicone tube and pump are changed every four weeks to three months. In many cases, the patient herself can change them.

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Combat troops to get combat pay earlier

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

In another effort to compensate combat soldiers, the IDF has decided to give them combat pay as soon as they complete basic training and not wait until after advanced training, as was the practice until now. The IDF Manpower branch recent-ly decided upon this bonus, which is to be retroactive to the beginning of the year.

In real terms it means about another NIS 300 for qualified combat soldiers. Until now, soldiers had to wait, in some eases up to half their military service hime, for their combat pay.

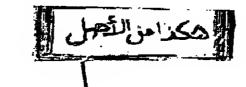
Advance training in some units

can last up to a year and a half. In the infantry, soldiers became eligi-ble for combat pay after 16 months, and in artillery and the armor corps

The IDF said combar horus had been given after 15 months, but would now be paid after form The retroactive payment will be made on April 1, the IDF said. The army reportedly made the decision in response to numerous requests

from soldiers and their parents.

A soldier will forfeit his combat bonus if he leaves his unit for a nearcombat one. Combat soldiers 8th some NIS 560 per month and noncombat soldiers get about NIS 260:



TAIPEI (Reuter) - A jobless Justice Minister Liao Cheng-hao journalist yesterday doused himself with petrol in a Taiwanese airliner and hijacked it to China, where he complained of political repression by Taiwan and requested asylum, officials said.

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The latest of 13 Taiwan Strait hijackings in the 1990s was novel in that it was the first in which a plane was forced to fly to the communist Chinese mainland rather than away from it.

The Far East Air Transport Boeing 757 had just left southern Kaobsiung bound for Taipei with 150 passengers and eight crew when a man drenched in gasoline threatened to immolate himself unless the pilot flew to China, officials and witnesses said.

Suspect Liu Shan-chung, 45, was arrested moments after the plane touched down at China's sootheastern port of Xiamen. Air piracy is a capital offence on the Chinese mainland.

"I am a victim of political repression," the unemployed journalist said during the confronta-tion with the flight crew, according to chief flight attendant Kao Yung-chen.

"I've faced discrimination because I am a mainlander on Taiwan," said Liu, who was born in China's Henan province and had a history of friction with coworkers as an adult in Taiwan.

Kao said Liu appeared calm and clear-minded, although he wept at times, saying it took him three days to decide on the acrico to call attention to his own plight.
Taiwan swiftly demanded Liu's

"We have legal jurisdiction."

said even before the plane had returned. "The mainland authorities should return the hijacker immediately." Passengers' papers were checked by Chinese officials but the plane was allowed to

"The mainland authorities' handling of the affair was highly commendable," said Taiwan civil aviation chief Tsai Tui.

depart for Taipei after just two

Taiwan defense officials said four fighters had scrambled into an escort formation and tailed the plane part of the way across the Taiwan Strait but pulled away to avoid a military "misunderstand-ing" with China's People's Liberation Army.

It was not immediately known how China's air force reacted. There was confusion over the

plane's route back to Taiwan, a sensitive political issue in view of Taiwan's decades-old ban on direct flights and other direct contacts with communist China.

Airline president Lee Chungning said the pilot, at China's request, had flown directly to Taipei rather than diverting via Hong Kong or Macau air space skipping a practice that Taipei had insisted on after previous hijackings to enforce its ban.

Civil aviation chief Tsai disagreed, saying the plane had come under Hong Kong air traffic control even if it did oot overfly the British territory.

Pilot Yeh Teh-yang said Beijing had ordered the jet to fly directly to Taipei but that he had taken it briefly into Hong Kong's air traffic control zone.

Moslems, Croat on trial for war crimes

THE HAGUE (AP) - Serb prisoners were tortured, raped and killed at a Bosnian concentration camp, the prosecutor said yesterday in opening a war crimes case against three Moslems and a Croat.

The trial, conducted by the United Nations' tribunal on Yugoslavia, is the first collective war crimes trial since Nuremberg and Tokyo courts examined World War-II-atrocities.

It also represents a change for .. Bosnia's Serbs to show they were not the only ones responsible for rape, torture and marder during

"I want justice, nothing more and oothing less. I will say how it was," said Grozda Cecez, a Serb woman in her 60s who said she was raped at Celebici, a central Bosnia camp set up by mostly Moslem authorities at the beginning of the war.

in his opening statement, prosecutor Eric Ostberg said Serbs were "murdered, tortured, raped and beaten by guards at the prison and by outside persons who were permitted to come into the camp." The session, filled with lawyers' squabbling over procedures and technicalities, was recessed after three hours. It resumes today.

Prosecutors have called 76 survivors to testify. A defense attorney demanded yesterday that the defense be giveo witnesses' addresses.

Prosecutors protested, citing the need to protect them from possible retaliation. Presiding Judge Adolphus Karibi-Whyte of Nigeria said he would rule later on the issue.

The international Red Cross first reported the Celebici camp as a place of barassment and torture in August 1992. Months later, a number of Serbs were released and the camp was shut down. Some, bowever, were transferred to other camps and endured pro-~ longed forture until 1994. At least 14 Serbs allegedly died

borribly at the camp and many more were tortured during months or years as prisoners. Inmates were beaten with steel

cables, wooden and meral bars, burned with heated scissors, wrapped with fuses that were then lit, and forced to remain in vats of water, according to a 49-page indictment. Prisoners were raped and some were forced to act like animals and to perform oral sex on each other, the indictment said.

One man died after a badge with a Moslem party logo was nailed to his head, it said.

The defendants are Zejoil Delalic, 49, a Moslem military commander in the region; the camp's commander, Zdravko Mucic, a 41-year-old Croat; Mucic's deputy, Hazim Delic, 36; and Esad Landzo, 23, a guard at

All have pleaded innocent. They face life sentences if convicted. Landzo is accused of personally killing five men. Delic is charged with four slayings and with direct participation in the torture.

Renowned historian Dame Wedgwood dies

LONDON (AP) - Dame C.V. Wedgwood, one of Britain's most eminent and widely read historians,

has died at age 86. Dame Veronica died at a London hospital after a long illness, her agent Deborah Owen said yester-

day.

C.V. Wedgwood specialized in 17th century history, and her colorfully written works on the English Civil War, particularly The Great Rebellion, won a wide audi-

Her Civil War trilogy, The King's Peace, The King's War and the Trial of Charles I, were used for school history classes.

The Thirty Years' War, published in 1938, is regarded as the standard work on the subject.

The 1944 biography of the Dutch William the Silent, Prince of Orange, won her the prestigious James Tait Black prize in Britain. The Netherlands made her an Officer in the Order of Orange-

Nassau in 1945. A great-great-great granddaughter of Josiah Wedgwood, the famous potter, she was educated at the Sorbonne in Paris and studied history at Oxford University's Lady Margaret Hall.

She became a Dame of the British Empire — the female equivalent of a knight - in 1968, and in 1969 was made a member of the Order of Merit, a highly prized honor that is

the gift of the monarch Dame Veronica's narrative style, criticized by some in later years,

painted a broad and vivid picture of the period. Writer and historian Sir Roy

Strong wrote in 1996 of his debt to Dame Veronica, to whom he dedicated his book, The Story of Britain. She inspired his fascination with history as a boy in the 1950s.

"Even at that date, her approach. to history and history writing was under fire from academe, representing, as it did, adherence to the grand tradition of narrative writing inherited from the Victorian age. Worse, it ensurined a belief that human beings had a role in influencing the march of history," he

"These books swept me, as a youth of 16, into the past, first and foremost because they were a compulsively good read. The pages were filled with unforgettable scenes and character sketches."

She always wrote with "everyman" in mind, Strong said - far different from Strong's later training that taught it was "almost squalid" to write "in any way which might communicate what one had discovered to a broad intelligent public, for it might smack of

journalism or populism." In addition to her histories, she translated two major works from German, Die Blendung by Elias Canetti and Karl V by Carl Erandi. Dame Veronica is survived by her close friend Jaqueline Hope-Wallace, with whom she lived for

Journalist hijacks Zaire rebels get by on discipline Taiwan airliner By KARIN DAVIES the outskirts of Kisangani, one of Zaire's recruited him two years ago to train solations is now like a hooker. If somebody comes and outstand and related the recruited him two years ago to train solations, each of whom has at least three diers, each of whom has at least three and solitical solutions and solitical solutions and solitical solutions.

BUKAVU (AP) - Laurent Kabila says his rebellion to oust dictator Mobutu Sese Seko is advancing with astonishing speed because of shrewd strategy and the people's

"Anyone who doubts us doesn't know how we organize ourselves militarily and politically," Kabila said in an interview at rebel headquarters in Bukavu.

And Kabila has his doubters. Some say he wants to get rich by exploiting Zaire's resources, as Mobutu did. Others say his rebels, many of them ethnic Tutsis, are slaughtering Hutus in revenge for the 1994 Hutu-led genocide in Rwanda.

Regardless, the 56-year-old chairman of the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire presides over a sophisticated military and political organization. And his rebels have three advantages over Mobutu's unpaid and demoralized government troops: strategy, discipline and

In less than six months, rebels have captured nearly one-third of Zaire, Africa's third-largest nation, pushing west through dense jungle to reach the Zaire River and

largest cities.

Many of the rebels are Banyamulenge, Zairian-born ethnic Tutsis of Rwandan descent. They were quick to join the rebellion after Mobutu tried to expel them in September, saying they were not real Zairians. But Tutsis are no longer the majority as the rebels acquire more territory and

"The whole country is giving us its sons," Kabila said. The insurgency has gained about 20,000 new troops, he said, but he wants 75,000 more by the end of the month. The Alliance uses many of the trademark tactics of Tutsi rebels who took over neighboring Rwanda in 1994. It favors pincer movements on the battlefield always leaving the enemy an escape route to berd it

Government forces have pillaged towns they were supposed to be defending and fled without much of a fight.

Unlike the the army, the rebels are disciplined. On a contintent where many armies are fueled by beer, rebels are oot drunk in public. Their US-style uniforms are crisp in sweltering jungles. They follow command. Cmdr. Augustin Zeh said the Alliance

recruited him two years ago to train sol-diers, each of whom has at least three months of military drills and political edu-

Perhaps most important, Kabila's troops have a motivation that government troops lack. They, too, have suffered under Mobutu's harsh rule, which in 31 years has left resource-rich Zaire in desperate pover-

The rebels are motivated because they have a just cause," said Capt. Ndengo Backa, a defector from the Zairian army.

"They want change to help the people who have suffered, to help them enjoy the benefits of Zaire's natural riches." There are those who say Kabila may want those riches for himself. A former rebel commander. Nathaniel Mbumba, has told the AP that Kabila has long trafficked in precious mate-

Already, the rebels control at least two gold mines. When asked if the mines are working, Kabila said, "Not yet." Guillaume Ngefa Atondoko, president of the Zairian Association for the Defense of Human Rights, calls Kabila an "opportunist" and says he worries about Kabila's growing

"They are dreaming," Ngefa said. "Zaire is now like a hooker, If somebody comes

and gives you money, then you take it. It's just desperation because we are suffering so." Ngefa, a US-trained attorney, also says that rebels are killing Rwandan Hutu refugees in revenge for the genocide there.

The refugees fled fearing reprisals for the massacre of a half-million Tutsis. Still, civilians give the rebels crucial support, carrying goods toward the front, show-

ing then shortcuts through the jungle and giving them food. David Shearer, a researcher at the London-based International Institute for

Strategic Studies, said the farther west Kabila goes, the less support he may have. Zaire claims the rebels get support from Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi - all of whom deny it. But US officials in Washington, speaking on condition of

anonymity, say they have reports that men from all three countries have been fighting in Zaire for the Alliance. "I think it's in Uganda's and Rwanda's interests to retain a friendly buffer zone on

that border" along eastern Zaire, he said. "But I don't think their support exteods to the takeover of Zaire as a whole." New terror

suspect in

Oklahoma

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ATLANTA (AP) - The FBI is

looking for a man they believe sought a remote bideout in the

Ozark mountains of Missouri with

Oklahoma City bombing suspects Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, CNN and Time magazine

The FBI wants to question

Robert Jacques to help agents reconstruct McVeigh's and Nichols' activities leading up to the April 19, 1995, bombing. The

network released a sketch yester-

day of a man believed to be

McVeigh's trial on federal mur-

der and conspiracy charges is set for March 31 in Denver. Nichols

later will be tried separately. Their

indictment alleges they acted with

"others unknown" to bomb the

Oklahoma City federal building,

killing 168 speople and injuring more than 500.
William Maloney, a real estate

broker from Cassville, Missouri,

told CNN that in the fall of 1994.

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Firemen inspect the wreckage on the M42 motorway following two multiple pileups that left four dead and 60 injured.

Four dead in British 90-car pileups

BIRMINGHAM (AP) - About 90 cars and trucks slammed into each other in thick fog yesterday morning in two highway pileups that left four dead and 60 injured on a single stretch

Fires broke out in 15 vehicles spread across quarter of a mile of a major highway in central England, and scores of firefighters extinguished the flames.

Hospitals said four people were killed and three were in serious condition. Police reported 60 injured, most of them "walking wounded." Rescuers led about 70 dazed survivors away from their mangled cars and trucks to a nearby hotel, and authorities set up a special telephone oumber for people worried about relatives.

The first accident, involving about 60 vehicles, happened at 6:45 a.m. in the southbound lanes of the M42 near Alvechurch on the southem outskirts of the city of Birmingham, the spokesman said. Wreckage was spread over 400 meters of the roadway.

The second major accident, involving about 30 vehicles, happened 20 minutes later in the oorthbound lanes, he said. The sites, although not directly opposite were within yards of each other. David Hills, 41, said he managed to get out of his car after it crashed, and climbed onto the

embankment where he watched the pileup. "Cars were just smashing into one another." he said. "Some were upside down and there were cars smashing into the back of lorries and going underneath them. There was a white Peugeot with a lady inside. She didn't get out

of that one. It was just flattened. It was terrible to watch." "People were traveling too fast. I stood there watching them slam into one another at 100 kph." Ann Gaskell, 34, said she scrambled clear of her car just before it burst into flames. She was able to stop without hitting another vehicle, "but then a car in the fast lane smashed

into mine and a van actually came crashing over the roof of my Rover," she said.

Nazi suspect dies after shootout with police

"I thought, I have got to get, out and all I can remember is just screaming. I feared for my life, and the car behind mind went up in flames." "Then mine went up in flames," Mrs. Gaskell said, "and for the next 10 minutes I just stood and watched, helpless, as crashes continued for what seemed like an eternity but was

vision program, with children crying and peo-ple walking about just dazed." Victims suffered burns, broken bones, shock, whiplash, cuts and bruises, the hospitals reported.

More than 20 fire engines and two water carriers were at the scene, and fuel spillages hampered the rescue attempt, a spokesman for Bromsgrove fire brigade said.

The highway was closed in both directions and the Royal Automobile Clob reported huge traffic jams on roads in the area south of Birmingham, which is 145 km oorthwest of

place to hide?' and he didn't respond to that," Maloney said. The three meo left and oever returned. Several months earlier, Maloney probably about 10 minutes. The scene was like something from a tele-

said he got a phone inquiry about the land and asked the caller's "He says 'McVeigh,' and I said, 'M-C-V-E-Y' and he said, 'That's

close énough'," Maloney said. McVeigh attorney Stephen Jones told CNN McVeigb was not in Missouri at the time Maloney

said he met the three men. Our information indicates Tim was somewhere other than Cassville, Missouri," Jones told

CNN. "That's what our research shows." Jones also said that Maloney never told the FBI that he had asked the men if they were looking for a place to hide, as he told

"I will admit it's intriguing and I commend CNN for its effort, Jones said of the report. "But I don't know how much it adds to the prosecution or defense of this case." Meanwhile, Nichols' exwife, Lana Padilla, told The Daily Oklahoman yesterday that be had talked of looking for property in Missouri or Arkansas for a blueberry farm.

with anyone," she said from her

injured and Kolnhofer was to live outside of a health center or charged with three counts of without the assistance of a nurse, aggravated assault on a law Estes had said. enforcement officer.

camp guard has died two months after be was wounded in a shootout with police and suffered brain damage during surgery.

Michael Kolnhofer, 79, died early yesterday at the University of Kansas Medical Center. The

KANSAS CITY (AP) — A man accused of being a Nazi death

bospital did oot disclose the cause Kolnhofer, who was placed on a respirator for five weeks after the Jan. 31 shootout, recently was reported to be recovering. He had improved and responded to sim-

ple verbal commands, such as

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squeezing a hand, Dr. Norman Estes, the bospital's chief of staff, had said. Kolnhofer, however, had oot

been expected to recover enough Hours before the shootout,

Justice Department prosecutors had filed papers to strip Kolnhofer of his US citizenship. He was accused of concealing in his 1952 visa application his past as a guard at Nazi concentration camps in Sachsenhauseo and Buchenwald. Police shot Kolnhofer outside

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Lawyer Robert DeCoursey, who

represents the former construction worker and widower, said Kolnhofer was born in Croatia and was drafted into the German Army

his home in Kansas City, Kansas, after be waved a gun at reporters

who went to interview him and he

fired at officers. No one else was

death camp guard, DeCoursey Since 1979, the Office of Special Investigation has sought

Kolnhofer denied working as a

to identify and prosecute former Nazis currently living in the United States. At least 57 former Nazis have been stripped of US citizeoship and 48 have been expelled. More than 300 suspects remain under investigation.

He never mentioned traveling home in Las Vegas.

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Moving the goalposts

n attempt to change the law and enable increased the instability of the prime minister, the government without simultaneously dissolving the Knesset would be akin to moving the goalposts in the middle of a game.

The country's citizens went to the polls last May and voted in accordance with a particular set of political rules. They cast separate ballots for the Knesset and the prime minister, assuming that the balance of power between the executive and legislative hranches would be maintained according to the new rules that were set in place for the 14th Knesset. One could presume this set-up influenced voters' choices. Similarly, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu put together his coalitioo and adopted policies over the past nine months, keeping in mind the extent and limits of maneuverability granted bim hy these rules.

For the Knesset to change the rules at this point would mean granting a small number of Knesset hackbenchers the ability to reverse the popular vote for the prime minister, without their having to face the voters themselves. The unfairness bebind this suggestion is striking, even given the cynical behavior Israelis have come to expect from the Knesset.

It is also far from clear that what proponeots of the changes are suggesting will be an improvement, especially since the jury is still out on the effects of the system first implemented last May. It should be recalled that the original impetus for changing the old system, onder which the leader of the largest Knesset faction generally became prime minister, was a desire to eod the ability of small numbers of MKs to threaten to bring down the government unless they were paid off. The list of MKs who have engaged in such extortion over the years is long; some receot entries include Ephraim Gur and Alex Goldfarb. The Direct Election Law was also supposed to stabilize the position of the prime minister.

Following last year's elections, many who had originally supported the change were surprised, and dismayed, as the major political parties lost seats and factional fragmentation increased. There were even those who worried that the Direct Election Law had paradoxically

a simple majority of MKs to hring down who now had to maneuver between six widely varied coalition parties.

What in the end has preserved Netanyahu's position is precisely the aspect of the Direct Election Law which is at issue today: the fact that a no-confidence vote hy 61 MKs hrings down not only the government, but the Knesset as well. The effects were visible this week, as what threatened to be a roaring muliny within the coalition dissolved meekly, once some MKs had to face the unthinkable prospect of voting themselves out of office. Attempts at political extortion bave not been eliminated, but their bite has been blunted.

The proposed changes would combine the worst of the old system with the worst of the new. Individual MKs and small parties will again be able to directly threaten the prime minister with a no-confidence vote on virtually any issue, and, given the current fragmentation in the Knesset their strength will be even more magnified.

Labor MKs who are keep on the proposed change would do well to ponder this. They supported the direct election of the prime minister because they were confident that it would both increase their parliamentary representation and bring their candidate to victory. The elections proved them wrong, hut their opportunistic attempts to reverse all this can easily boomerang. Even if they do manage to topple the Netanyahu government hy changing the rules, and install a Labor candidate at the helm instead, the oew government will in all likelihood be so beholden to individual interests that it ton will either be short-lived or be forced to sacrifice most of its principles. Neither alternative will endear Labor to the public.

There is plenty of room for serious discussion about how to improve Israel's electoral system and assure an effective system of checks and balances. But this is a loog-term task that will require public dehate, and gradual changes that will allow the public to adjust. These days, with all that is being said about breach of trust by public servants, the Knesset should be all the more wary of placing narrow political interests ahead of constitutional prudence.



It's not if, but when

To one - individuals, communities, or nations - is immune to terrorism. The latest bus bombings in China (a country which has been relatively free of terrorism), apparently perpetrated by Moslem separatists,

highlights this reality once again. The sheer scope of the threat tempts one to raise one's bands in despair and start thinking about something clse; it is becoming too frightening to contemplate what seems like a self-fulfilling proph-

This was what prompted an international conference entitled Preventing Super-Terrorism: Threats and Responses" opening tonight at Tel Aviv University and the Center for Technological Education in Holon.

The numerous political conflicts and arms races that characterize the post-Cold War era make it likely that terrorism will continue to plague the world.

What raises the terrorism stakes in the "new world order"? It is the threat that the coming years may witness more actors (nations, organizations, and individuals) with the intent and capability of using weapons of mass destruction (WMD); a greater availability of the knowledge and technology needed to manufacture and deliver such weapons; and the existence of many vulnerable targets.

A glimpse of the specter of this concern was provided in March 1995, when members of Aum Shinrikyo, a Japanese Doomsday cult, released sarin nerve gas in a Tokyo subway, resulting in 12 dead and more than 5,000 hospi-

Other recent incidents of "super-terrorism" include the arrest and conviction of individuals tied to militia-type and white supremacist groups in the US planning to use ricin against US federal employees. A small amount of ricin, developed from castor beans, can kill in minutes if ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin.

Terrorists can not only produce WMD, they can also buy such

YONAH ALEXANDER

markets: steal them from research labs and the military; and they can receive biological, chemical and nuclear weapons from state-sponsors of terrorism like Iran, Iraq. Libya, North Korea, and Syria.

According to the US Department of Defense, more than 25 countries possess or are developing WMD and the means of delivering them. The proliferation of these weapons is the most

We've seen terrorism. The new threat is 'super-terrorism'

significant challenge to international security.

While in the short term biological and chemical weapons are technologically feasible, in the long term, nuclear terrorism - the explosion of a ouclear bomb, the use of fissionable material as a radioactive poison, or the seizure and sabotage of nuclear facilities - is plausible, perhaps inevitable.

Radioactive materials for commercial purposes will increasingly be shipped hy land, sea, and air, The possibility of hijacking shipments of such materials and huildng nuclear weapons has come off the movie screen and turned into a real prospect for terrorists.

WITH the essential expertise and components such as fuels and explosive devices, it may be possible for a terrorist group to build crude nuclear weapon. However, testing requirements and the need to secure safe havens would make it difficult for them to construct a sophisticated nuclear weapon without state sponsorship.

Alternatively, terrorists could steal a weapon from the arsenal of a nuclear-weapon state. There are thousands of such weapons scattered throughout the world, located in hundreds of storage areas and deployed in different regions. Some are not deployed, but weapons on the free and black remain stockpiled. Others are deployed as tactical warheads and demolition mines; yet others are on submarines.

Terrorists could also seize control of key components of nuclear weapons, like weapons-grade fuel and detonators. And they could potentially attack a commercial target to seize nuclear fuels.

As we move into an cra of "super-terrorism," a number of public policy issues need to be studied. To what extent do governments want to intensify awareness of the danger of super-terrorism? There are arguments for and against sensitizing the public. Highlighting the danger may breed a lack of confidence in govcmment if the public senses that this is a threat the government may not be able to deal with.

Failure to respond adequately to crises poses dangers to govern-ment. Chemobyl, which placed a very heavy responsibility on the officials responding to the ouclear incident, produced a direct erosion of authority of the Soviet government.

In the case of "super-terrorism," the government would have to respond even if it was ill-prepared to deal with a cataclysmic event. though an inadequate response would undermine its authority.

Yet there should be no reticence discussing these issues. Governments must tell their people about the threat they face The scientific and academic

communities must synthesize and communicate information about the proliferation of knowledge and technology that enables "super-terrorism." They must single out the terrorist actors, their motives, methods of operation and targets, and discuss the strategies that can address the challenge. They must indicate what the international community can do to reduce the risks.

This threat will not go away. It must be faced.

The writer is director of the Inter-University Center for Terrorism Studies based in Washington D.C. and Holon,

Horror story

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

wo stories in the news last week dealt with Israeli men who had abducted their children. In each case, the abduction was accompanied by a double murder.

The first was an item on the extradition to Israel from Switzerland on March 2 of scientist Dr. Amirani Hochberg, who left Israel illegally with his son last May.

The police believes that before leaving bere, Hochberg murdered his son's mother, Shulamit Bleichman, and Shulamit's moth-

The second story was a Yediot Aharonos interview of Israeli-American Avi Kostner.

The divorced Kosmer abducted and killed his two children on June 26, 1994, on the grounds of saving them from apostasy, and is now awaiting execution in a New Jersey prison.

These abductions were not ... crimes of passion; they were carefully planned. Both men are apparently sociopaths, hut still considered responsible for their actions.

These stories are not typical, but they represent the phenomenon, not uncommon, of divorced or separated fathers who are unwilling to accept the fact of their former wives or girlfriends being given custody over their

Having convinced themselves that the child's welfare is at stake. they decide to change the situation through some drastic act, refusing to admit that they are motivated hy pure selfishness and that it is the children to whom the greatest harm is done.

ONE case in which I was personally involved concerned a young divorced Palestinian women I met

One day several years ago, she called me up, weeping hitterly.

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One moment your child is with you. Suddenly, he's gone, and there's nothing you can do

Her six-year-old son had disanpeared, and she had good reason to believe that her former husband had abducted him to Egypt, even though the local Sha'ariya court had ruled that the child would remain with her at least until age nine.

There was very little I or anyone else could do, I realized. Even in the case of Yossele Schumacher, who was abducted from his parents hy his grandfather and baredi circles in 1960, it took the Mossad two years to discover the child's whereabouts. How on earth could anyone locate a little Palestinian boy in Egypt?

I got a psychologist in Gaza to go and see the woman, and try to help her cope with the bitter reality. I also phoned the Egyptian Embassy in Tel Aviv, and asked the First Secretary to give the woman a call, again mostly for the psychological effect, since it was unlikely the Egyptian authorities could do anything.

I bave no idea what became of that boy, but I do know that his mother's life, never easy, turned into hell. I know what it means to lose a

child, and I know how painful divorce can be, even when the two sides aren't at each other's throats. But when a child disappears, abducted by a selfish father, and one has the feeling that, if only there were only a little more human justice and compassion in our society (religious circles included), things could be different, one's feelings of helplessness become unbearable.

A friend of mine, raising her child alone in Jerusalem and doing a good job of it under extremely trying circumstances, recently told me that her greatest fear is that her former husband. who seems intent on making her life a misery, will some day decide to abduct their child.

What can she do to try to prevent such an eventuality? Whom can she turn to?

There are phone numbers for battered women to call, and refuges they can escape to - but what recourse has a woman who lives in fear that her child might be illegally taken away from her? And then one reads about the

Hochbergs and the Kostners, and one realizes how easily a nightmare can turn into a real-life horfor story. It is time for the women's orga-

nizations and other bodies dealing with women's welfare to pay real, professional attention to women in this particular predicament. A special hottine would be good beginning.

The writer is a political scientist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHRISTIAN SUPPORT

Sir, - In the name of multitudes of Christians from many churches To bring up the argument, as and many nations, the International Christian Embassy some church representatives have, nations, the that the Har Homa property (the Jerusalem (ICEJ) would like to vast majority of which was exprovoice its support for Israel's decipriated by the Israeli government sion to build houses in the Har from Jewish owners) should not be built on because it is the site of Homa district of its own capital city, Jerusalem. ruins of a monastery is pure hypocrisy. It is common knowl-The ICEJ also objects to a stateedge that two of Islam's shrines ment made last week hy the heads are built on the site of which was once the holiest place of the

of some bistoric churches in Jerusalem, criticizing Israel for the decision to build. It is extremely arrogant to

deny the Jewish people the right to build and settle in their eternal capital, after their return from 2000 years of dispersion to their God-given land and

that Jews are barred from the Temple Mount. Would these church leaders also argue for the Temple Mount to be

Jewish people, the place in the

beart of the city where their Temple stood in all its glory, and

STANDING FIRM

Sir, - Regardless of whatever great sorrow for us, then, that else we might think about we look at the debate currently Anwar Sadat and our peace with in our society regarding the fale Egypt one must look with of the Holy City. The people of respect at the former Egyptian the Book, a wise and ancient people whose yearning for its leader's unwavering stand on the integrity of Egyptian soil eternal capital bas kept us alive through the long and dusk night and his not wanting to negotiate of the Diaspora is now confrontaway even one centimeter of the ed with the actions of some its Syrian President Hafez leaders, for whom the holiest of Assad's stand on the Golan, too, cities, our eternal capital has requires our respect. It is with

> and do not come to a full stop when a pedestrian is on the

We have been told time and time again that there is no budget to station traffic police at every crossing. However, building a speed bump in front of every crossing would force the driver to slow down. This would reduce the number of accidents and thereby save a large amount of money in lost work hours, hospital expenses, insurance pay-

EXTERNAL THREATS

Sir, - All the subject matters referred to by Dr. Gerald Steinberg ("For Survival," March 3) are certainly deserving of funds from the unclaimed assets of Holocaust victims, with a view to revive Judaism and preserve the Jewish State and the Jewish people when threatened by corrosion from within.

Sir. - I am not the only person

to have been struck by a car

while crossing the street on a

crosswalk. In fact, at the hospital

where I was treated, I was told

that 90% of the accidents involv-

ing pedestrians took place at

are in reality "death traps" -

the pedestrians assume that

they are safe there, while the

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It seems that these crosswalks

I was aurprised though that he did not mention threats from without: not military threats from Israel's neighbors hut the relentless propaganda campaign become like cheap real estate to **DEATH TRAPS**

walk.

regulations when approaching

conducted in the conventional media and on Internet by Palestinian officials in the PA and Palestinian students, academics and intellectuals from the United States, which aims at eroding Israel's credibility. dehumanizing the Jews and denying Jewish history in Eretz Yisrael generally and Jerusalem in particular.

Wembley Park, Middx.

RUTH WILLERS

and deny Moslems exclusive con-Therefore, in the name of many

freed up again for Jewish worship

thousands of Christian supporters and friends of Israel all over the world, we say to the government and people of Israel, as God Himself once said to Joshua: "Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give

JAN WILLEM VAN DER HOEVEN International Christian Embassy

be given away.

I ask myself how can we expect our enemies and the nations of the world to take us seriously. If we are willing to consider the dismemberment of Jerusalem; everything else is a forgone conclusion. But worse yet, how can we look at each other as a people with respect. AMRAM JOSEF

Petah Tikva.

ments, let alone the suffering from injury, pain, anxiety and helplessness experienced by the

victims. Crosswalk victims are invited to write me at P.O.B. 8022. 91080 Jerusalem, with full information regarding their accident, which may be used in a class action suit. AARON ROTH

Jerusalem. THE FIDDLER

Sir. - Your paper reported (February 26) the prime minister saying, "I chuckle sometimes at the things I read in the newspapers. Chuckle is an understatement."

An attempt was made to undermine our system of justice, the media is constantly threatened, religious fanatics gain influence and power, the prospect of peace sinks behind the horizon, and the prime minister chuckles.

I wonder if he plays the fiddle too. GREGORY BORS

Tel Aviv.

YOSEF GOELL

Tas Oslo adopted in any-thing resembling a ratio-▼ nal process? Ari Shavit put the question to Yossi Beilin in an interview in last weekend's Ha'aretz Magazine.

As deputy to foreign minister Shimon Peres, Beilin, who is now contesting the leadership of the Labor Party, was the moving force behind the accord, "selling" it to a willing Pcres and a suspicious Yitzhak Rabin. Replied the MK: "By and large

there are no rational processes [in these situations]... almost always things come about as a result of the players' inner conviction that they are doing the right thing, based on their emotions, intuition, and personal experience... "As an observer of Israeli govemment decision-making since

1984. I am aware that even in democracies with reasonably qualified governments, with serious people in the Prime Minister's Office, we haven't arrived at a siluation where decisions of vital national importance are taken in an orderly way. Maybe we never can; maybe we shouldn't."

Beilin noted his "surprise," even "unease," at seeing the consensus with which the Labor government approved the Oslo plan, including revolutionary proposals for contacts with the PLO which many ministers had, until then, opposed tooth and nail.

Shavit commented, "In a sense, Oslo was very similar to the process by which the decision to go to war in Lebanon was taken [by the Begin government in ous. It seems to be implying either

Perilous games, played solo

1982]." Bcilin assented. Scary? I would say so. One could also add foreign minister Peres's attempt in 1986 to con-

clude an agreement with King Hussein behind prime minister Yossi Beilin's

Interview with 'Ha'aretz' was chilling in the extreme

Shamir's back and that of the Likud-Labor unity government.

IN our current situation, the issue is not the exact percentage of additional territory to be ceded to the Palestinian Authority in each of three withdrawals. What should be causing deep

concern is mounting evidence that Netanyahu doesn't have the vaguest idea of where he is leading the country in the final stage negotiations. It's much like the way Rabin "played it by car" in 1993-95. In the Ha'aretz interview, Beilin admits to never having talked with

Rabin or Peres about Israel'a ultimate goals at the end of the process. Nor, he says, to the best of his knowledge was there any such discussion among the top leadership. The assumption that perhaps this

is how it must be is highly danger-

that situations like Israel's since its inception are just too complex to bear rational analysis, or that ministers are too politically hiased, too nrone to leak, and, in many instances, too stupid to consult.

While part of this may be valid, our prime ministers themselves have made some disastrously misraken decisions. They failed to anticipate the Six

Day War or prepare for the Yom Kippur War. They didn't realize the implications of the Lebanon war. And Yitzhak Shamir and Rabin failed totally to grasp the meaning of the intifada. Israel simply cannot afford the

mortal risk of a Rahin, a Peres or a Netanyahu playing a life-and-death game with their cards held so close to their chests. Our leaders have to start learning - or be compelled to learn - to work with highly-qualified pro-fessional advisers, and to institu-

tionalize consultations on major policy decisions with a council made up of former prime ministers, defense and foreign ministers, and army chiefs of staff. There are no simple solutions to the problems that confront us. But many minds are better than one, especially when that one is far

from being the genius of the age.
Of dedicated, motivated and highly-qualified people we have no shortage. The problem is getting our leaders, with their inordinately inflated cgos, to use this reservoir of national wisdom.

The writer comments on current

By SHARON WAXMAN

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This year's Oscars belies the myth that there are no good roles for movic actresses other than clinging girifriends, dutiful wives, sex kittens and prostitutes.

Award nominations include Diane Keaton as a middle-aged spinster with cancer in Marvin's Room, Brenda Blethyn as an aging working-class woman found by a child she gave up for adoption in Secrets & Lies, Kristin Scott Thomas as a sandswept heroine in colonial Egypt in The English Patient and Frances McDormand as a distinctly unglamorous pregnant police

chief in Fargo. Most of these performances came from films made by small independent studios, but during the last year several more massmarket movies gave prominent roles to women.

The First Wives Club, with Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler and Keaton, was an unexpected hit; Meg Ryan played a role that might have gone to a man in Courage Under Fire; and Evita was the role every A-list actress

"We're getting somewhere." says Lynda Obst, producer of One



'First Wives Club' member Goldie Hawn



Movie mogul Sherry Lansing

Fine Day. "This was the year in which four women's movies came out at Christmas ... in which

female audiences became a factor in the marketing and production of movies, though not the lead and determining factor."

"There have been small changes in Hollywood as women have become more powerful, as demographics have changed," says UCLA film professor Vivian Sobchack, "It's also pushed and prodded by independent films, which, if they're successful, end up suggesting other possibilities where Hollywood might make a

The key to the shift, most seem to agree, is the growing number of female executives at the studios where movies are conceived. financed and carried out.

Market researchers have long considered women to be important decision-makers in moviegoing, but it is only very recently that Hollywood started to make movies primarily to attract them. That may be because Paramount chairman Sherry Lansing is no longer the only woman in the

hoardroom. There is also Columbia-Tristar vice chairman Lucy Fisher, Fox 2000 president Laura Ziskin. United Artists president Lindsay Doran and Fine Linc Features president Ruth Vitale, to name just a few. (The Washington Post)



U2 goes over The Edge

With its first album in more than three years, U2 reaches out to new genres.

Oasis "Last Night on Earth" and the upbeat acoustic "Staring at the

Sun," one of the most straightfor-

ward songs the band has ever done.

. More moody, but just as successful,

are the reverb and echo-drenched

ballads "The Playboy Mansion"

Pop continues the trend the band

started with Achning Baby and

Zooropa of expanding its horizons

and breaking with tradition. Now,

if it would only leave the dance

AS OPPOSED to The Grammy's,

the Brit Awards hold some validity.

nominated artists offers a good

cross-section of British pop and rock. Tracks from Oasis, Pulp and

Manic Street Preachers comple-

ment relative pop newcomers like

Babybird, Dodgy and Skunk

Anansie, and dance faves Fugees,

is thrown in without extra charge.

Even a token Yank, Sheryl Crow,

You'll learn more about the cur-

rent state of rock than watching the

THE SOUNDTRACK to the new

Tom Cruise film Jerry Maguire

presents a fine mix of classic rock-

ers and singer-songwriters. Rather

than picking instantly identifiable hits to bolster sales, writer and

director Cameron Crowe utilizes

his rich musical past as a rock writer to bring back to life gems

like Neil Young's "World on a String," The Who's "Gettin' in Tune" and Bob Dylan's "Sbelter

From the Storm."

Prodigy and Babyface.

last 10 Grammy shows.

And this sampler of 19 of the

and "Wake Up Dead Man."

stuff alone.

Taking the gloss off 'Shine'

umming and talking to himself on stage, pianist David Helfgott reached another milestone in his comeback from mental illness when he received a standing ovation at his US debut last week. The Australian, whose struggle to return to music was depicted in the Oscar-nominated movie Shine, performed to a sold-out crowd of 2,000 people at Boston's Symphony Hall.

The Boston Globe critic Richard Dyer was not impressed. The performance, Dyer wrote, "was without phrasing, form, harmonic understanding, differentiation of style, and often basic accuracy, worst of all, it was without emotional content. ... The sad fact is that David Helfgott should not have been in Symphony Hall last night, and neither should the rest

THEATER ROUNDUP

A sabra family's secrets

This home-brewed Hebrew play dealing with the sordid secrets of a homely, sabra family, draws oo what might have been heart-warming, gnawingly nostalgic material. As developed here, however, the outcome is ultimately little more than a raging battleground where saccharine sentiment and explosive emotions scream out in a competitive bid for audience attention.

Enacted in an awkward structure of recoups is the maudlin mystery that connects the lives of Dana, a sulky, introverted teenager (Aya

> - VOYAGES By Shulamit Lapid Cameri Theater Tel Aviv

TWELFTH NIGHT By William Shakespeare Cameri Theater, Tel Aviv

Shva), her extrovert father, (Shraga Harpaz), her feisty "foster" mother (Zaharira Harifai), and Ruthi (Liat Goren), the latter's demonic, Americanized daughter.

While Harifai, a powerful player, manages to give an unrewarding role credibility, Shva (her real-life daughter) is in the course of the ongoing melodrama haplessly crushed between the towering tantrums and the ear-splitting exhibitionism of the other two.

Even if direction had tried to tone them down it is doubtful if that would have helped overcome the overwhelming banality of a poor

THIS IS, as the Yiddish saying goes, Shakespeare abergezetz (made over) and farbessert (improved). Michael Gurevitz (direction) and Ehud Manor (Hebrew) have done for the Bard

what TV Channel 1's hilarious frolics do in Gil Kopatch does for effect save this "show" the Bible, popularit-mabashedly aspires to ized and secularized nothing more - from ultimate manition. a sacred text Made over, yes, but In the desperate drive to improved? The local be different, the leads are farcified and distorted out of all proportion - a monstrosity of a Malvolio, a



Powerful actress Zaharira Harifai is joined by real-life daughter Aya Shva in 'Voyages.'

terms. For Shakespeare lovers it

rates as cultural shock. Feste (Rami Baruch), his most

precious, poetic personification of wit and wisdom, is realized only through Yoni Rechter's exquisitely rendered music. Feste figures with the comic

fabulous Sir Toby), that with their how, when, and as required.

Orsini, a pugnacious, sourpuss Olivia.

gives the only impressive performance. Not only that, design seems at odds with direction, downstaging the set to a billowing blue tarpaulin that symbolizes a cliche quartet (Ronni Blitz in the lead as a seascape, ducal glitz and glitter,

Shimeon Minnan as a sea captain

Rubin Music Academy.

The invitations to play abroad started flooding in after a highly successful concert at the Israeli

Embassy in Washington last June, a recital which was broadcast live and then repeated four times on one of the American capital's radio sta-

tour." Toperich admits that "getting concert dates in Israel is problematic... I'm not a person who knocks on doors. Of course I would like to play with the Philharmonic or to have a recital at the Mann Auditorium, but somehow I'm not

Next week's recital is a benefit for the Holy City Lodge of Jerusalem of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. "I'm a freemason myself and we wanted to do a

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also gets his wife, Heart co-founder Nancy Wilson, to perform two gentle acoustic songs that sit well alongside lesser-known offerings by Rickie Lee Jones and Aimee

THIS LAST WEEKS ON

And because he runs the show, be

Mann. Filmmakers should take note that not every film score needs to include "California Dreamin' or "The Shoop Shoop Song."

TO CELEBRATE their first centenary, EMI Records has put out a sprawling two-CD tribute to itself. The first CD spans the time from Enrico Caruso recorded in 1902 to Frank Sinatra in 1954 performing "Three Coins in the Fountain" with Nelson Riddle and his Orchestra.

The second CD opens with Gene Vincent's "Be-Bop-A-Lula" and continues through The Beatles and The Beach Boys on through to The Sex Pistols and Pet Shop Boys.

This is one of those CDs that is worth owning, but it's doubtful you'll ever sit down and play it all the way through.

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

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7	NEW!	1 .	DAVID HELFGOTT	PLAYS RACHMANINOF
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9	RE	1	OST	TRAINSPOTTING
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111	7	50	RITA	COLLECTION
12	12	28	RAMI KLEINSTEIN	COLLECTION
13	2	2	NICK CAVE	BOATMAN'S CALL
114	9	17	SPICE GIRLS	SPICE
15	4	2	WARREN G.	TAKE A LOOK OVER
		Tower Re	cords' top-selling albums	for last week

A pianist on top of the world

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

By DAVID BRINK

popular, and arguably the best rock 'n' roll band to emerge in the

1980s. Like another '80s superstar,

Bruce Springsteen, the band has

spent the '90s attempting to rede-

With its first album in more than

three years, U2 is trying to desper-

ately prove that it is vital and cur-

rent. Ironically, when it forgets to-

be cool and sticks closer to its pop

instincts, it continues to make pas-

sionate, intelligent rock. But when

it dresses things up with trance and

dance accessories, it flounders in an area dominated by masters of

the genre like The Prodigy and

So what we have here is a typical-

ly evocative set of U2 songs marred.

by two or three tracks which,

despite elements of The Edge's dis-

rock beat, fail to connect the band's

1990s, Pop is full of irony, begin-

ning with its title. The band has

never made real pop music, always

possessing a depth beyond ordinary

radio fare. The sonic assault and

industrial strength noise of "Discotheque" and "Mofo" are

enough to turn longtime fans away

in dismay, but they will probably

sound great at full volume on the

disco floor. Which is probably what the band aimed for in the first place.

For those searching for more,

they will find it with the U2-meets-

Like much of U2's work in the

strengths with the trance world.

tinctive guitar and Larry Mullen's

fine itself.

Underworld.

ombining '60s activism and

idealism with the verve of

punk, U2 became the most

Three years after fleeing the bloodshed of his native Yugoslavia, pianist Sasha Toperich is about to conclude his master's degree at the Jerusalem

Toperich manages to spend half a year here - he has a piano in his flat in Jerusalem's Kiryat Moshe - and the other half of the year touring in concerts all over the world. His forthcoming recitals will see him going to Cairo, Beijing, Shanghai, Scoul, Hawaii and Los Angeles, among other venues. These concerts "satisfy my professional ego."

CONCERT ROUNDUP

tions. "After that the foreign office organized my upcoming China

interested in playing with smaller orchestras or in smaller venues."

fund-raising event for our chari-ties," Toperich says with pride. "Freemasomy is a system of morality. It's a very important spiritual

and intellectual experience." "You must realize that in spite of what many people think, this is not a secret society. However, it is definitely a society with secrets." .

If there is one thing Toperich misses in Israel it is the ability to teach music. "In Yugoslavia I was already an assistant at the university at age 20," says the pianist, who is now 25. "I would like to teach here too but it's more than impossi-

Sasha Toperich plays piano selections by Beethoven, Chopin and Schumann at the YMCA Hall in Jerusalem on March 18.



Toperich's concerts my professional ego."

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Channel 2 stays ahead

By HELEN KAYE

ver since it started broadcasting in January 1994, Channel
2 has been prancing ahead of Channel 1 in the ratings, according to its commissioned surveys. At first, it was by a mere 2%, but by December that year Channel 2 had increased its lead to 24% more viewers. Ever since, Channel 1 has been dragging by between 24 and 28%, according to those figures. But Channel 1 is himing back

with its own tables. In January '97, Channel 2 had 28% more viewers overall than Channel 1. Last month, Channel 1 got 2% of viewers back. Channel I's Mabat news from Sunday to Thursday got 19.7% viewers and Channel 2's news attracted 22% but their survey says that Channel 1

only got 16%. Channel 1's Friday night news program Yoman got 18%, according to Channel 1. But Channel 2 claims that its rival attracted only 14%, and that its Friday news got 18%. Channel 2's super-entertainer Dudu Topaz broadcasts Sundays and attracts a whopping 36%. Nothing on Channel I competes with that.

The recent Israel vs. Germany soccer match broadcast on Channel 1 attracted 29.5%, but according to Channel 2, a mere 20% watched that match.

These ratings discrepancies will disappear when the Israel Ratings Board starts operating next October.

The resultant "IRBS" will be as final as Nielsen figures in the US. IRB general manager Oren Tokathi says that the survey being taken at 6,000 homes will establish the TVs will determine what we view.



Ratings king Dudu Topaz

parameters that will determine which 385 Israeli families will get the "people meters." And those black boxes on 385

Mendelssohn's selection of works by Bach for his organ recital in Leipzig's St. Thomas

ORGAN WORKS By J.S. Back performed by Elisabeth Roloff

To celebrate 25 years since organ concerts

were revived in the Lutheran Church of

the few places in Jerusalem where organ music is offered regularly. Roloff's renditions of Bach's Preludes and Fugues BV 552 and 543 were singularly impressive. Her choice of fascinating registers

The Church of the Redeemer remains one of

Redeeming organ music furnished evidence of her exquisite musical impressively balancing vocal resources, beautaste and also achieved contrasts of sonorities

the Redeemer, with the instrument that resulted in crystalline transparent polyinstalled there in 1971, and also in commemophonic textures. ration of Mendelssohn's death 150 years ago, The Passacaglia in C minor was constructed with loving care as the monumental architecorganist Elisabeth Roloff presented

tural edifice that it is. In contrast to the subtle delicacy of the Organ

Chorale BV 654 and the Pastorale in F major, the concluding Toccata and Fugue in D minor's performance was a veritable masterpiece of organistic virtuosity.

Ury Eppstein

Church of the Redeemer, March 1.

EXCERPTS FROM national operas by Smetana, Tchaikovsky, and Dvorak were featured at the Sinfonietta "Jewels of the Opera" series No. 3. Soprano Larisa Tatuyev presented integrated portrayals of heroines from The Bartered Bride, Russalka and Eugene Onegin,

ty, intelligence and dramatic presence. Tenor Yevgeny Shapovalov shone in a sensi-

OPERA HIGHLIGHTS Beersheba Sinfonietta

tive and tasteful rendition of Lensky's famous

aria from Eugene Onegin. The Sinfonietta under Uri Mayer provided flexible symphonic accompaniments to the arias and duets and drew applause for virtuoso playing in the Dance of the Comedians from The Bartered Bride and the Polonaise from

Eugene Onegin. The program will be repeated today in Arad, Thursday in the Jordan Valley and on Sunday in Dimona

Beersheba Conservatory, March 8

Max Stern

BUSINESS

KFC to vote today on ice-cream tariff

The Knesset Finance Committee is scheduled to vote today on whether to press the Finance Ministry to impose customs duty and tax on ice cream imports. The Treasury proposals to further

and tax on ice cream imports. The Treasury proposals to further open the dairy market to foreign ice cream producers will cause serious damage to the domestic industry, Israel Dairy Board director-general Avshalom Dolev said yesterday.

Comminee members oo both sides of the political spectrum argued, during a committee meeting yesterday, that the dairy industry is a special case. While in some instances opening up local markets to foreign competition is a positive move, it could be highly damaging in this instance, they said. Curreotly, Israel produces some 35,000-40,000 tons each year. In 1996, 1,500 tons were brought into the country.

Dovrat Shrem, Refco in cooperation deal

Dovrat Shrem Investment Managers and the US-based Refco Funds Holding Co. have signed an agreement to cooperate in raising capital and handling private issues for Israeli growth companies traded on the local market and in New York.

Refco Funds is a subsidiary of the Chicago-based Refco Group, which specializes in risk management services. Refco Funds is engaged in investment banking, investment management and trading in the money and securities market. Galit Lipkis Beck

Advantec seeks NIS 90 million bond issue

Advantec Technologies, a subsidiary of Galcom, has submitted a draft prospectus for a bond issue to raise a minimum sum of NIS 90 million. The proceeds of the issue will be invested in high-tech companies, mainly those involved in communications. medical, software and electronics. To encourage the public to take part in the issue, Advantec will enter investors into a lottery. the first of its kind in Israel. Prizes include a minimum sum of NIS 13m., as well as cars. The issued boods will carry an additional interest of up to 20% of Advantec's earnings each year. Galit Lipkis Beck

Clalit wins best service prize

Kupat Holim Clalit has woo first prize in the field of health services in the Paula Mozes competition for the Best Service for 1997. The prize is given according to the results of an independent public opinioo survey. The survey was conducted by the Israel Institute for Applied Social Research under the aegis of Yediot Aharonot. The outstanding products have been chosen annually for the past 43 years. Clalit chairman Dan Michaeli said other surveys in recent mooths have clearly shown that the health fund has greatly improved its services, and the change for the better is appreciated by members.

ASEAN Business Summit opens today

Business leaders from the Associatioo of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its trading partners will meet in Jakarta this week to discuss trade and investment flows to the region, organizers said yesterday. The two-day ASEAN Business Summit, the first meeting of its kind, will be inaugurated by Indonesian President Suharto today, they said. Some 600 delegates are expected to attend.

The private sector is the eogine of growth, the government is the facilitator," said ASEAN Chambers of Commerce and Industry secretary-general Setyanto Santosa. "The private sector feels it is necessary for top executives of companies to meet together.

The seven ASEAN nations - Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam - will give presentations on trade and investment opportunities in their coun-

COMPANY RESULTS

Blue Square posts 22% rise in annual net profits

Blue Square Israel, the Givatayim-hased retailer which is traded on the New York Stock Exchange, yesterday reported a 22 percent growth in annual net profits to NIS 106.3 million from NIS 87m. in 1995. The chain, which owns and operates more than 140 supermarkets, said its return on capital ratio fell sightly to 17.55 from 18.15.

The company completed the fourth quarter with an increase in net profit to NIS 31.6m. from NIS 24.8m. Key factors which contributed to the improved annual earnings included a 30.3% growth in revenues to NIS 4.1 billion from 3.15b.

Fourth quarter revenues rose 23.5% to NIS 1.04b., thanks to higher sales in existing stores, as well as the opening of new shops and the merger of seven Hamashbir Lazarchan department stores in the North, according to Co-Op president and CEO Yacov Gelbard. Annual operating profits went up 38.9% to NIS 180m. from NIS 129.5m. Fourth quarter operating profits increased to NIS 57.4m. from NIS 37.5m.

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Morgan Stanley purchases 8.7% stake in Koor Industries

By DAVID HARRIS

The Morgan Stanley Group has bought 8.77 percent of shares in Koor Industries, the US investment bank confirmed

yesterday. By press time, neither company would comment on the nature of the transaction.

It is unclear exactly how much the shares were purchased for on Wall Street, but initial estimates suggest the deal could be worth as much as \$130 million.

Morgan Stanley's majo interests include investment banking.

Annual turnover shot up to \$13.1 billion last year, more than 40% higher than in 1995, with a third of all reveoues coming from international markets.

The New York-hased company is recognized as the world's leading mergers-aod-acquisitioos coosultant, and the third largest global underwriter.

This deal means that Koor, the country's largest and most profitable private company, is now some 34% foreign-owned, with US-based corporation Shamrock

Financial Times), through his

Cairo-based Kato group. There is growing interest io Koor within the Arab world, according to company CEO Benny Gaon.

Koor has receotly been approached by parties from Qatar, Oman, Bahrain and Ahu

With some 30 subsidiaries and more than 20,000 employees in Israel and around the world,

iog Egyptian industrialist \$156m. on sales of \$3.3b.

Ibrahim Kamel having recently bought 5% (according to the Exercise Control of the Exercise Contr Koor shareholders enjoyed a 24.5% return oo equity, and exports exceeded \$1h. for the

first time in the company's his-This accounts for over 7% of Israel's entire anoual industrial

output and exports. As part of Gaon's global approach, approximately 40% of Koor's activities will be overseas hy the end of the year, with the goal of raising that to 50%

by 2000. Koor is believed to be seeking

asset management, sales and holding 20% of shares and lead- Koor's 1995 oet income reached to expand and diversify its ownership basis as part of strategy aimed at meeting the challenges which await it, as some of its major sources of income - particularly the coostruction material sector – meet the effects of de-monopolization.

In that framework the company has receotly sold a 20% stake in one of its showpiece hightech holdings, Telrad, to Northern Telecom for \$45m., while last spendiog some \$200m. in takeovers of chemicals producers in Brazil, Argentina, and Spain.

Mutual fund assets up 13% since January

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Mutual fund assets have increased 13.1 perceot in the first two months of the year, primarily due to a flow of NIS 513 million into the funds, according to the Meitav investmeot company.

The transfer of money reflects a positive turnaround after three years in which the funds suffered from redemptions, Meitav said.

The turnaround reflected the positive trend receotly in the capital market, especially the share market. All the investment channels have reported positive real yields in the first few months of

the year. The highest yields were posted by funds specializing in shares, which benefited from the sharp rises on the stock exchange.

The funds' total assets rose to NIS 15.33 billion at the end of February from NIS 13.55b. at the conclusion of last year. Meitav's mutual fund index rose 9.2% in the two-month period.

In related oews, the large bank provide ot funds reported positive nominal yields of between 1.1% and 1.2%, equivalent to real vields of between 0.7% and

The banks attributed the rise to (a cootioued slowdown in the public's withdrawals.

Bank Hapoalim's Gadisb fund, the largest ooe in the country, posted a real yield of 0.8% in February and a real yield of 3.6% sioce the beginning of the

The fund manages NIS 12.5b. worth of assets.

Bank Leumi's Otzma fund reported a real yield of 0.74% last mooth and 3.31% since the start of the year.

Bank Discount's Tamar fund posted a real yield of 0.73% in February and 3.8% since the start of the year.

Bank Mizrahi's Atid reported a real yield of 0.85% in February and 3.07% since the start of

First International Bank's Meitav fund reported a real yield of 3.08% in the first two months

Fast as a speeding bullet

The newest Nozomi bullet train is shown to the public at the Hiroshima railway station yesterday alongside the present model of the train (left). The new bullet train, which is scheduled to make its debut on March 22 in western Japan, can reach a maximum speed of 300 kph.

Langental: El Al to be sold within a month

By DAVID HARRIS

The long-awaited privatization of El Al will start within the next month, Transport Mioistry director-general Nahoum Langental told The Jerusalem Post last night.

"Next week we'll be in a better position to know exactly what the situation is," he said. "But in my opinion we'll be ready within the month.

The announcement on the future ownership of El Al will be soon, Government made Companies Authority directorgeneral Tzipi Livni confirmed. However, she refused to comment on the exact agreement that

is likely to be reached. These comments followed meetings between a special govemment committee and El Al

workers on Sunday, and with seoior company management yesterday.

The committee, set up some three months ago, should have published its proposals before January 13, but has only now begun to finalize its recommendations.

The comminee comprises the two senior figures in the governmeot's privatization task force, Livni and Prime Minister's Office deputy director-general Moshe Leon, together with Langental.

These are just the latest in a series of meetings, said El Al managing director Yoel Feldschu, who declined to reveal details of the meetings.

"If what Langeotal said is true. we will all be very relieved and very happy," said one senior El Al

staff member last night. There appear to be three main

sticking points in any decision to privatize: the protection of workers' rights amid fears of job losses; the company's 1996 and early 1997 predicted losses, which could amount to many teos of millions of dollars; and the insistence of Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy that the company not be allowed to fly on Shabbat

no matter who owns the airline. Furthermore, a more imminent problem has arisen. There appears to be a difference of opinion within the committee as to the nature of the privatization, between those who want it by flotation and those who want a private sale.

Meanwhile, the cabines is scheduled to discuss the sale of the Israel School of Tourism on smallest companies, the school employs 21 people. It is the first of several tourism-based companies the government intends to sell in the coming months. The others are Laromme Hotels International Ltd., Eilat

Friday. One of the government's

Foreshore Development Co. Ltd., Arad and Dead Sea Region Development Co. Ltd., and Tadmor Hotel School Ltd. "If no one comes forward to buy the school, we will close it down," said a senior source in the

Minister's Office. "However, we think we will find buyers." The Prime Minister's Office

vesterday announced the sale of Yozma Venture Capital Ltd., the first state-owned company to be sold since the government came

of the year.

UK experts: Labor landslide may rock markets

By JOHN SPECK

LONDON (Reuter) - British financial markets may be relaxed about the prospect of the opposition Labor Party winning the election, but if the party achieves a landslide victory there could be a short-term self-off, economists

"If there was a landslide for Labor with a 100 to 150 seat majority and the Conservatives were set to be a weak opposition then the markets would react negatively, at least initially," said Deborah Read, economisi at Bank America.

The danger, analysts say, is that

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Labor may feel empowered by a clear victory to revert to more tra-ditional hard-line policies, moving back toward a more left-of-center policy agenda which the party

favored in the 1980s and 1990s. Many rank and file members of the party, hungry for leftist policies after almost 18 years of Conservative rule, may quickly become impadent if a clear win does not result in bold policy initiaoves, analysts said.

"A Labor parliamentary majority of 100 to 150 seats would leave the markets feeling distinctly uncomfortable and more than 150 would be a significant worry," said Don Smith, economist at HSBC Markets.

Labor currectly lead Prime Minister John Major's beleaguered government by around 20 points in the opinion polls, suggesting a landslide victory for Labor is a real possibility.

Labor achieved a massive 17% swing in its favor to win the recent by-election in the northern England constituency of Wirral South, tradidonally a safe Conservative seat.

A Reuter survey of 20 voting experts published on March 5 found on average they expect Labor to win with an overall parliamentary majority of 59 - more than enough to lead from the front without coalitions for a full parliamentary term but some way short of a

But some experts are more buil-

ish on Labor's chances. "I had expected some signs of a Conservative recovery [in the polls], but the Wirral by-election put paid to that. There is evidence. of direct switching of allegiances in Wirral on a large scale," said Peter Kellner, an independent political analyst, who sees Labor winning 93 more seats than all the other par-

ties combined. Since World War II the radicalism and boldness of British governments has been largely governed by the size of their parliamentary majorities, most recently demonstrated by the 1980s governments under Margaret Thatcher, which were emboldened by majorities of 144 in 1983 and 101 in 1987.

The current premiership of John Major, by contrast, has been marked by consensual policies, pragmatism and gravitation towards the political center, reflecting a slim majority of just 21 achieved in the 1992 election.

"The markets have discounted a Labor win and are comfortable with the idea. However, markets do want an effective check on a Labor governmeni - such as a Cooservative opposition party which has some clout and is not overwhelmed in all parliamentary votes," said Read of Bank

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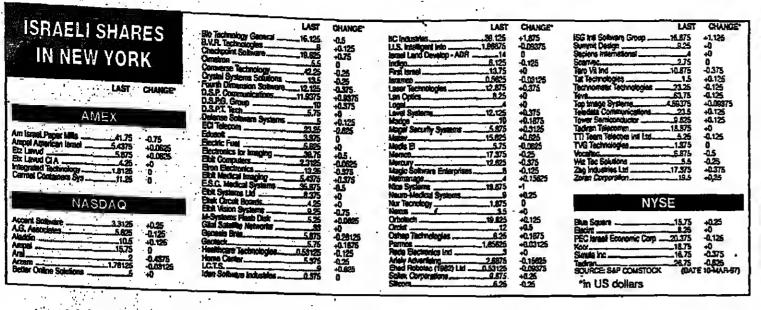
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Oil slides again after last week's fragile recovery

resumed their downward move yesterday as traders shrugged off last week's tentative recovery in a market that has been in a headlong slide

since the turn of the year. April futures for world benchmark down 58 cents at \$19.27 a barrel by

LONDON (Reuter) - Oil prices 2022 GMT. Brent slumped from a high of \$24.91 in January to a low of \$18.68 last week before beginning a fragile climb back up. Brent briefly edged above the \$20

mark on Friday. "Fundamentally it's still relatively

crude North Sea Brent Blend were weak, there's no real demand," said one London broker.

With no shortage of supplies seen the market remains vulnerable to further falls, especially being in that awkward period when the heating daily report oil season has ended but the gasoline

season has yet to take off. "For crude oil, fundamentals remain soggy, with ample availability on both sides of the Atlantic

[and elsewhere] continuing to weigh on the global market," London brokers GNI Ltd said in a

A report on Friday from the West's energy watchdog showed that rich consumer nations emerged from the peak demand season with well stocked oil inventories.

TASE ROUNDUP

Political tensions push down shares

Mishtanim

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By FELICE MARANZ

Stock indexes sank yesterday after five days of gains amid news of tensions with the Palestinians. Companies declined across the board Koor Industries Ltd., which

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INVESTMENTS

produces some seven percent of Israel's industrial output, fell 1.5%. Koor fell even as Morgan Stanley Group purchased 8.77% of the

"We're moving toward a crisis with the Palesunians," said Eli Nahum, head of trading at invest ment firm Zannex Securities Ltd. Problems with the Palestinians brought negativity into today's

market." Banks fell, with Bank Hapoalim, the country's biggest, declining 1.5%, Bank Leumi Le-Israel. falling 3.25% and Israel Discount Bank declining 1.25%.

The Maof Index of 25 issues fell 1.51% to 262.36 and the Mishtanira Index of 100 issues fell

1.36% to 256.03. The general bond index rose 0.12%. Of 962 shares trading across the exchange, seven shares fell for

every two that rose. NIS 89 million worth of shares changed hands, NIS 2.5m. less than on Sunday.

One company gained on the Maof Index: Israel Chemicals Ltd., which went up 0.5%.

The company rose as investors expect it to report increased profits, said Nahum.

Two Mishtanim index companies rose after announcing better-thanexpected fourth quarter earnings: supermarket chain Blue Square, which gained 1.75% and Elbit Medical Imaging, which rose 4%.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

US leads Euroshares to new peaks

LONDON (Reuter) - Europe's big three bourses chalked up new record closes yesterday after Wall Street extended last week's gains, but the dollar lost momentum.

Wall Street has been giving us a helping hand, and as long as it holds up there's no reason why we won't keep going higher," one dealer in London said.

Wall Street's Dow Jones index, which rose 56 points on Friday, was up around 24 points at 7,024.75 shortly after European bourse trade ended with London, Paris and Frankfurt all at record closes.

Equity markets on both sides of the Atlantic were encouraged by the US jobs report for February, which on Friday showed little upward pressure on wages, despite a bigger-thanexpected rise in the number of new jobs created.

Economists and traders concluded

that the jobs report had not given the US Federal Reserve cause to raise interest rates soon to check the threat of inflation.

Any rise in rates could sorely test the global bull market in shares, which has pushed valuations to record after record recently since higher rates harm companies profitability by raising the cost of borrowing and also make alternative investments more attractive.

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London's FTSE 100 share index ended at a record closing high for the fifth session in a row as continued strength on Wall Street and a more relaxed perception of the British inflation outlook boosted shares.

Dealers said the domestic economic picture for the FTSE remained bullish, and the market could scale even loftier peaks as long as Wall Street maintained its firm

WALL STREET REPORT

Dow up 78 to record high

surged yesterday, with the Dow index closing at a record high as mutual funds and individual February 18. investors sought out blue chips and bargain-hunters scooped up high-tech issues.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Stocks average closed up 78.50 points at 7,079.39, eclipsing the previous record of 7,067.07, set on

> In the broader market, advancing issues beat declines 2-1 on active volume of 461 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Sunflower, Portraits: By a group of Israeli artists. Virtual Reality: The domestic and realistic in contemporary Israeli art. HELENA RUBINSTEIN PAVILION FOR CONTEMPORARY ART. Shlomo Ben-David and Amon Ben-David, The Inverted Campaign. Hours: Weekdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Meyerhoff Art Education Center, Tel. 8919155-8. selection of works. Tzvi Hecker:

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Ha'ir Mati, 657-0468. Open 9 a.m. to
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DUTY HOSPITALS Jerusalem: Bilour Holim (internal, obstetrics); Shaare Zedek (surgery, orthopedics, ophthalmology, ENT); Hadassah Ein Kerem (pediatrics). Tel Aviv. Tel Aviv. Medical Center Dana Pediatric Hospital (pediatrics); Tel Aviv Medical Center (internal, surgery). Netanya: Laniado.

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SPORTS

in brief

SA drop Hudson, Rhodes for second Test

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) - South Africa have dropped experienced opener Andrew Hudson and middle order batsman Jonty Rhodes for the second Test against Australia starting in Port Elizabeth on Friday.

The United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) announced a squad of 13 players yesterday for the match which South Africa must win to square the three Test series. They were thrashed by an innings and 196 runs in the first test in

Johannesbrg last week.

Squad: Gary Kirsten, Adam Bacher, Jacques Kalfis, Daryll Cullinan, H.

Cronje (captain), Brian McMillan, Shaon Pollock, Lance Klusener, Dave
Richardson, Allan Donald, Paul Adams, Pat Symcox, Herschelle Gibbs.

Kiwis crush Sri Lanka by an innings

DUNEDIN, New Zealand (Reuter) – A blazing run-a-ball century from wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharana failed to save Sri Lanka from an innings defeat in the first Test in New Zealand yesterday. Sri Lanka started the day in the hopeless position of 37 without loss after being forced to follow on 364 behind.

But the tourists showed defiance, first through a well-compiled 50 by Sanath Jayasuriya and later in a fighting century stand between Kaluwitharana and Chaminda Vaas.

They finally surrendered with the total on 328, shortly before the scheduled close of play on the fourth day.

Philippoussis captures Scottsdale title

SCOTTSDALE. Ariz. (Reuter) – Rising Australian star Mark Philippoussis satisfied his hunger to win Sunday, powering his way to his second career bile on the ATP Tour.

The big-serving 20-year-old Philippoussis out-slugged eighth-seeded American Richey Reneberg 6-4 7-6 to win the Scottsdale event and pick up \$33,000.

The unseeded Philippoussis, who belted the world's fastest serve in Friday's quarter-finals at 142 mph (228.5 kph), rocketed 13 aces past Reneberg Sunday.

Israel, Sweden line up for friendly with depleted squads

By ORI LEWIS

Israel and Sweden will take the field in tomorrow's international soccer friendly at Ramat Gan without several key players, as both sides prepare for crucial World Cup qualifiers against Luxembourg and Scotland respectively.

The match should be a far cry

from the last meeting between the two teams in Ramat Gan, when in November 1992 the Swedes won 3-I in a World Cup qualifier on their way to reaching USA '94. The bulk of the Swedish squad

arrived on Sunday and has begun. training, but without the injured Jonas Thern, and Martin Dahlin, Patrik Andersson, Joakim Bjorklund and Per Zetterberg, who failed to secure releases by their non-Swedish European clubs.

On the plus side, two players who did turn up yesterday from Italy much to the delight of coach Tommy Fioreotina and Bologna's Stefan Schwarz.

goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli will be making his 136th international appearance tomorrow and will be only nine caps short of

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the world record, held by Majed Abdullah of Saudi Arabia.

Indeed, 37-year-old Ravelli and coach Svensson are the only two persons remaining from the side which outplayed Israel four and a half years ago.

Under the circumstances, Israel coach Shlomo Scharf would have relished the opportunity of taking on the Swedes and gaining some revenge for past defeats, but he too is faced with picking a side which will be without many natural first-choice

Haim Revivo and Eyal Berkovic have remained in Europe due to club. commitments, Gadi Bramer is trying out with Manchester United, while Ronnen Harazi, Tal Banin, Itzik Zohar, David Amsalem and Avi Nimni are all injured.

The absentees will allow some new faces to get a chance to prove themselves, but Scharf will undoubtedly be in a quandary as to how to prepare for the vital qualifier in Luxembourg on March 30, knowing that both his own side, and his opponents tomorrow are likely to be totally different kettles of fish to those which will line up in just under three

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Loss to Efes Pilsen tonight would end European season

By BRIAN FREEMAN

Maccabi Tel Aviv tries to defeat Efes Pilsen tonight at Yad Eliahu and send its Euro League Final 16 series back to Istanbul for a third

and decisive game on Thursday.

Although the Turks are not nearly as invincible on the road (4-4 in European play this season) as at home (9-0), Maccabi knows a win will not be easy.

Efes demonstrated to Maccabi

last Thursday in an impressive 76-67 victory why it is considered one of Europe's strongest teams this

Although the Israelis succeeded in holding the cluh's best player, Petar Naumoski, to only 14 points on 4-11 shooting from the field, well below his European average of 21.3 points a game, the other players picked up the slack.

It is this teamwork (six Efes players scored at least eight points, while Maccabi had only three score that many) which allows the Turks to avoid long periods of poor play. Not only did Efes hit 25 of 27

free throws in Game 1, but each time Maccabi made a comeback attempt the Turks had someone else come through in the clutch. And the team as a whole outrebounded the Israelis, eveo though board work is one of Efes Pilsen's weak

On Sunday, Efes continued its victorious ways in the Turkish league with a 78-71 win over Tofes Bursa.

Hopefully, Maccabi will be able to cootinue its recent success at Yad Eliayahu, where it has woo four consecutive European contests (a modest streak to be sure, but a vast improvement over the five losses out of six tries at home which preceded it, dating back to last sea-

In Game 1, Maccabi's play in the paint was pressed due to the lack of an outside threat. Doron Sheffer and Oded Katash, who only had a combined five points on miserable 2-15 shooting from the field last

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL BASKETBALL - Maccabl Givat Shunel heat Maccabl Ramat Gan 96-93 hr im outstanding 17th round game in the National Basketball League last night.

ENGLISH SOCCER - Premier League result last night: Liverpool 4, Newcastle 3.

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Nill. — Smody's results: Philadelphia 5, Washington 0; Tampa Bay 2, Calgary 1 (OT); NY Rangers 2, San Jose 1; New Jersey 4, Buffalo 1; Edmonton 4, St Louis 1; Ambeim 2, Colorado 2 (OT); Bostou 3, Florida L

CRICKET - The first Test between West

ndies and India was heading for a draw fler a rain-delayed start on the fifth and

final day yesterday.

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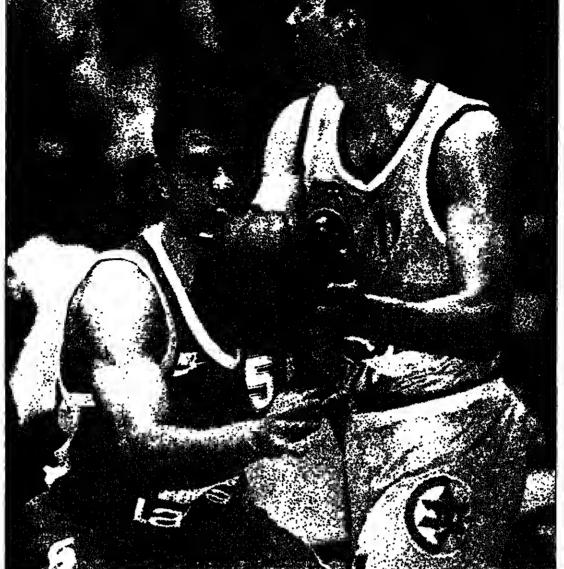
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HE MUST IMPROVE - Maccabi could certainly make use of a better performance from Doron Sheffer (right), who scored only 4 points on 18% shooting in Game 1 last week.

Thursday, need to rectify that problem tonight to give Maccabi a

Another point of concern for Maccabi is Randy White, who has had problems once again with his right knee during practice this

week. White has been particularly impressive in his last three home contests, and his presence is needed if the Israelis hope to be on all cylinders.

A real boost for Maccabi would be if it can get a few of the Turks'

Yugoslavia's 0-2 record.

key players in foul trouble. Efes would then have to dig deeper into its bench than on Thursday, when it used only six players.

The game is scheduled to be shown live on Channel 1 starting at

Four is magic for Hapoel Jerusalem

By BRIAN FREEMAN

Macc in Eu

For Hapoel Jerusalem the magic number tonight is four: not only as in a victory at Iraklis Salonika will propel the club to the European. Cup Final Four, but even a loss of up to four points will be enough to do the trick.

The task at hand will not be easy, as a trip to Greece is never a picnic. And last week, at home, Hapoel blew a golden opportunity to bring along a bigger cushion to the quarterfinal's second leg by allowing a 66-56 advantage with just under three minutes in the game to be whittled away to only a 68-63 win.

Fortunately for Jerusalem, however, Iraklis is not one of the stronger Greek clubs this season On Sunday they lost once again, g8-73 to Apollon, dropping them to 11th place with a 7-16 record.

And Hapoel fans well remember that earlier in the tournament

Jerusalem emerged victorious wheo it faced a similar situation. by taking only a two-point cushion to Germany against Ülm.

This, of course, does not mean. that Iraklis can be taken lightly. Foreign player Erik Meek, who scored 24 points in the first leg leads an outstanding frontcourt which includes naturalized players.
Mattheus Shalstrom and Steve Bucknell.

They controlled the boards in Jerusalem, making it difficult for Hapoel to rack up the points.

And there is added pressure or

Jerusalem because tonight's game is of great importance out only to Hapoel, but to Israeli basketball as . a whole.

By the formula of the new Euro League setup, a country is given an additional spot (up to three places) in the 24-club premiere Euro League the following season. if a club from that country reaches the European Cup Final Four No. Tonight's game is scheduled to

be broadcast live on the Sports Channel starting at 7:15 p.m. ...

LOCAL SCENE

Glickstein names Davis Cup team to face Slovakia

Tennis: Shlomo Glickstein has chosen his squad for next month's Davis Cup tie against Slovakia largely without heed to the ATP rank-

The squad is led by Eyal Ran (144) whose inclusion is still in the balance pending renumeration talks. Other members are Eyal Erlich (242), Nir

Welgreen (258), Noam Behr (273) and Amir Hadad (462). Second and fourth ranked Oren Motevassel (206) and Raviv Weidenfeld (243) were overlooked in favor of the younger talent. Soccer: They only needed a draw but the national junior (under-16) team were taking no chances en route to Germany and the European

Championships next month. Less than sixty seconds from kickoff Gal Geva shot into the net from a pass on the left from Emil

The 1-0 lead sufficed, survived the full 90 minutes and Albania were defeated. Israel finished B divisions respectively but the cup competition is still an open book. Before the semi-finals on March 29 and the

final on April 5, two teams from among Netanya, Jerusalem, Kibbutz Yizre'el and Galil Elyon will fight for a place in the first semifinal. The other one will be between Tel Aviv and Ra'anana.

Fixtures this week are Ra'anana v. Rishon Lezion at the Sportek and Yezreel v. Galil Elyon at the kibbutz.

Golf: As the winds increased at the Caesarea golf club on Friday, so did the scores. Cyril Kaufman led the A division in the individual stableford event with 34 stableford points with Arieh Gresaro and Zev Abraham tied on 32. Mike Ossip took the B division with 35, fol-

top of the triangular qualifying group with two lowed by Chuck Shaikowitz on 34. Marion wins to Albania's one win and one loss and Fegel with her four-under-par 39 points had the day's score with Baruch Baltaxa behind on 38: Rugby: The league season is now over with and Barbara Golan led the D division with 37, ASA Tel Aviv and Ra'anana winning the A and with \$4-year- old Walter Rosenthal in second place with 36.

Badminton: The national youth squad will be in action overseas at the end of this month in two tournaments. From an international tournament in Belgium, two players, soldiers Nir Yusim and Irena Serebrinsky will continue to the Czech Republic for the European Youth Championships on April 1-4. Meanwhile, preliminary rounds for the nation-

al championships will be held this Saturday in Tivon, beginning at 9am. Call (03) 6494956.

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Kansas, Minnesota, Kentucky, NC top seeds in NCAA tourney

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15. Navy 16, Montana.

KANSAS CTTY, Mo. (AP) - Conference and Big Ten each placed Other than a big beef from the Big East, the NCAA tournament left just about everyone happy with the 64team field.

Even Keotucky, the defending national champion, wasn't upset about starting out in the West Regional as the top seed, although coach Rick Pitino did acknowledge that the long trip could be tough for

"All you see is a basketball court and a hotel," Pitino said after his Wildcats (30-4) were matched against Montana (21-10) in a firstround game Thursday at Salt Lake

Top-ranked Kansas (32-1), Minnesota (27-3) and North Carolina (24-6) were the other top seeds, with the Javhawks in the Southeast, the Gophers in the Midwest and the Tar Heels in the East. Minnesota coach Clem Haskins

whose team was left out of the field last season despite 19 wins, was pleased to be a No. 1 seed. The Gophers' first round opponent

- on Friday at Kansas City - is Southwest Texas State (16-12). Kansas and North Carolina open Thursday, with the Jayhawks playing Jackson State (14-15) in

Memphis, and the Tar Heels playing Fairfield (11-18) in Winston-Salem, N.C. Fairfield (11-18) and Jackson State (14-15) are the only teams in the field with losing records. If the Tar Heels manage two wins

in the tournament - a second-round matchup against Indiana looms coach Dean Smith would surpass Adolph Rupp as the winningest coach in college basketball history with 877 victories. While the Atlantic Coast six teams in the tournament, the Big East managed just four teams. And Syracuse coach Jim Bocheim wasn't happy about it.

If we can't get in with 19 wins and Virginia can get in — they did-n't beat anybody. They just played in a league and got beat a lot." Boeheim said of the Cavaliers (18-

12 overall, 7-9 ACC). "So I guess if you get beat a lot, that means you should be in the tournament." West Virginia coach Gale Catlett, whose Mountaineers went 19-9, also was upset his team was left out. The tournament starts on Thursday

and finishes up in Indianapolis with the Final Four on March 29 and 31. The Atlantic-10, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern conferences have five teams apiece in the field, while Conference USA has four and the

Western Athletic Conference has

Among other teams left out were Michigan (19-11) of the Big Ten, Tulane (20-10) of Conference USA, and Hawaii (20-7), Fresno State (20-11) and Texas Christian (21-12) of the WAC.

In addition to the Kansas-Jackson State matchup, the Southeast games in Memphis, on Thursday feature eighth-seeded Purdue against No. 9 Rhode Island; No. 5 Maryland against No. 12 College of Charleston; and No. 4 Arizona against No. 13 South Alabama.

The other games in the Southeast will be played in Charlotte, N.C., on Friday and will feature No. 6 Illinois against No. 11 Southern California: No. 3 Georgia against No. 14 Tennessee-Chattanooga; and No. 7 Marquette against No.

Providence: and No. 2 Duke against No. 15 Murray State. In addition to North Carolina-

Fairfield, the other games at

Winston-Salem in the East are eighth-seeded Indiana against No. 9 Colorado: No. 5 California against No. 12 Princeton; and No. 4 Villanova against No. 13 Long Island University. The other East sub-regional at Pittsburgh has No. 6 Louisville

against No. 11 Massachuseus; No. 3 New Mexico against Old Dominion; No. 7 Wisconsin against No. 10 Texas; and No. 2 South Carolina against No. 15 Coppin State Kentucky will be joined on

Thursday at Salt Lake City with No. 8 Iowa against No. 9 Virginia; No. 5 Boston College against No. 12 Valparaiso; and No. 4 St. Joseph's against No. 13 Pacific. Tucson, Arizona will play host to

the other West sub-regional and will have No. 6 Stanford against No. 11 Oklahoma; No. 3 Wake Forest against No. 14 St. Mary's, Calif. No. 7 North Carolina Charlotte against No. 10 Georgetown; and No. 2 Utah against No. 15 Navy.

In addition to Minnesota-Southwest Texas State, the Midwest matchups Friday in Kansas City will have No. 8 Mississippi against No. 9
Temple; No. 5 Tulsa against No. 12
Boston University; and No. 4.
Clemson against No. 13 Miami,

The Midwest sub-regional at Auburn Hills, Michigan, will have No. 6 Iowa State against No. 11 Illinois State, No. 3 Cincinnati against No. 14 Bullet, No. 7 Xavier against No. 10 Vanderfall and No. 2 UCLA against No. 15 (Tarlesson

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